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\*Belle W. Ephlin, President; Lydia J. Madden, Emma S Drummond, \*Sybil E. Parent, Past Presidents; \*Mary Garrigus, Delegate; Mira Ephlin, Alternate.

## No. 108, PUT EVANS, SHARPSVILLE.

Lottie Batchelor, President; Elizabeth Nash, Julia Harper, Nancy Freeman, Elizabeth Vanhook, Cinda Grayson, L. Richardson, \*Nora Ream, H. Warman, Past Presidents; \*Mattie Snyder, Delegate; Mary Ulrick, Alternate.

## No. 110, McCLUNG, ROCHESTER

Anna Sinks, President; Ellen Essick, Ellen Shepherd, Emma Gould, Mary Fogle, Past Presidents; Sarah Ross, Delegate; Ruth Sweet, Alternate.



## No. 111, LEAMAN GRIFFITH, HAMILTON.

Bettie Griffith, President; Louise Renner, Julia Griffith, Phoebe Thomas, Mary Zeigler, Lucretia Gertner, Elva Brown, Susie Lemmon; Ella Farmun, Past Presidents; \*Mary Dukes, Delegate; Mrs. Sweet, Alternate.

## No. 112, JESSE S. OGDEN, DANVILLE.

Sarah E. Barker, President; Mary Ogden, \*Josephine K. Thomas; Dee M. White, †Mary J. Hadley, \*Sarah J. Hill, \*Alice S. Pike, Mary Englehart, Fannie Cook, Annie Hadley, Mary S. Cofer, Josephine Dungan, Past Presidents; \*Eliza J. Cook, Delegate; Sophia Searce, Alternate.

## No. 113, "PAP" THOMAS, GREENSBURG.

†Eliza J. Crisler, President; Louisa M. Bone, Flora B. Theis, Mary L. Hearne, \*Margaret Glenn, Annie Mowrer, Ella McKay, Missouri Moberly, Past Presidents; Edith Dickey Gilman, P. Dep't Sec'y, Winona Crisler, P. Dep't Treas., Nancy Crum, Delegates; Emma Strasinger, Alternate.

## No. 114, GEO. MILLER, WINDFALL.

\*Lucinda Miller, President; Jane Vice, Mahala Dean, Sarah Fouch, Sarah Sanders, \*Mary Wright, Margaret Horine, Past Presidents; Sue Zeek, Delegate; \*Mary Brown, Alternate.

## No. 115, LESLIE, SEELEYSVILLE.

Osie Carter, President; Anna M. Dickerson, Lea Carmichael, Sarah L. Carpenter, \*Alvira Gray, Anna C. Reed, Past Presidents; \*Jane Kearschner, Delegate; Lida Ayres, Alternate.

## No. 116, FRANK JONES, TRENTON.

Ida Gordon, President; Phoebe Sterling, Mary Conyers, Mary Muller, Jennie Ford, M. V. Edwards, Amy Shepherd, Sallie Adamson, Lucy Gaddis, Past Presidents; \*Lou Lumpkins, Delegate; Nancy Hartz, Alternate.

## No. 117, ELWOOD, ELWOOD.

\*Julia Mills, President; \*Mary Hackleman, Lida Briggs, Sarah Vawter, \*Sarah Adair, \*Isabel Fees, Past Presidents; \*Malinda Dellinger, Delegate; Elizabeth Wilson, Alternate.

## No. 118, MARTIN R. DELANEY, INDIANAPOLIS.

Marilla Bradbury, President; \*Mary Palmer, \*Annie G. Hughes, Maria Ousley, Mary J. Scott, Rose Hammond, \*Mary E. Felton, Lizzie L. Brown, Past Presidents; \*Ella Walden, Delegate; Frances Graves, Alternate.

## No. 119, WILLIAMS, MUNCIE.

\*Susan Thoruburg, President; \*Mary Cashdollar, \*Jennie McLaughlin, Alice Wroughten, Viola Johnson, \*Emma Nelson, Past Presidents; \*Laura Spoon, Delegate; Mary Beuchel, Alternate.

## No. 120, BENTON, FOWLER.

Carrie A. Clark, President; \*Carrie Westman, Elizabeth Longwell, Laura B. Warner, \*Lizzie Matchett, \*Dorcas McKnight, Ella Portteus, Past Presidents; \*Oma Fisher, Delegate; Clara Anderson, Alternate.

## No. 121, JOE COOK, LYNN.

Alice Hodgson, President; Minda Bascom, Lizzie Longfellow, Rebecca Nichols, Mahala Barnes, Past Presidents; Ella Price, Delegate; Zella Roland, Alternate.

## No. 124, JACOB STAHL, HARTFORD CITY.

Amelia Willer, President; Dillia A. Stahl, Emily Gable, Adda Cox, Emma Cawley, Past Presidents; \*Kate Cooley, Caroline Gable, Delegates; Mattie Frash, S. V., \*Rebecca Evans, J. V., Alternates.

## No. 125, RICH MOUNTAIN, LEBANON.

\*Maggie Orr, President; Martha Ludlow, Alice Laupher, Anna Watts, \*Addie Williams, Past Presidents; \*Charlotte McCaun, Delegate; Lizzie Anderson, Alternate.

## No. 126, GOODLAND, GOODLAND.

Agnes J. Perry, President; Mary Jenkins, Caroline E. Buck, Frances Davidson, Hilda B. Monty, Teresa Sapp, Past Presidents; \*Gertrude Davidson, Delegate; Ella Griggs, Alternate.

## No. 127, GEO. WRIGHT, CLARKS HILL.

Sarah Northrup, President; Rie Virgin, \*Martha Yeaman, Sallie Pierce, Past Presidents; Sallie Parks, Delegate; Sallie Lovelace, Alternate.

## No. 128, BEESON, FAIRMOUNT.

Nellie C. Buck, President; Mattie B. Friend, Delegate; Nancy J. Love, Alternate.

## No. 129, CARROLL, STOCKWELL.

No Election Returns received.

## No. 130, MARTIN, WESTVILLE.

Mina Hilton, President; Linda Webster, Lucy S. Clark, Ruth Reed, Past Presidents; \*Clara M. Hess, Delegate; Jane Herrold, Alternate.



## No. 131, GEO. W. RADER, MIDDLETOWN.

\*Emma Druly, President; Ollitippa Unger, \*Rose A. Pickering, \*Bertha Strickler, Rose Fowler, Past Presidents; \*Fannie Allen, Delegate; Olive Mills, Alternate.

## No. 132, HUGH H. WILLITS, GREENTOWN.

Samantha Osborn, President; Amanda Courtney, Mary Truax, Jennie Ayres, Past Presidents; \*Harriet Thrasher, Delegate; Mary Rains, Alternate.

## No. 133, JOHN P. BAIRD, TERRE HAUTE.

\*Gilla Burgess, President; \*Bertha Harrold, Alice Summers; Mary M. Murphy, \*Mary E. Miller, \*Mary J. Miller, Past Presidents; \*Angie Mahan, \*Jane Cowen, \*Lulu McCoy, Delegates; Sadie Hutton, Della Billeter, Sue Woodruff, Alternates.

## No. 134, BOWMAN, HAGERSTOWN.

Josie Davis, President; Mary Benlow, Amanda Hartley, Laura A. Hines, Mary Walker, \*Leora Teeter, Mollie Rudy, Dora Newcom, Past Presidents; \*Dora Newcom, Delegate; Mary Walker, Alternate.

## No. 135, E. C. NEWLAND, BEDFORD.

\*Kate Callahan, President; Nora Hartley, Myra Lucas, Mary Emery, Past Presidents; \*Kate R. Malott, Delegate; Anna Glover, Alternate.

## No. 136, COL. ROBT. HEATH, HAMMOND.

Vina E. Levy, President; Lizzie Hohn Smith, Jennie Vandewalker, Mary Malo, Past Presidents; \*Flora Mashino, Delegate; Anna Malo, Alternate.

## No. 137, MOSES HERON, FARMLAND.

\*Ella McGuire, President; Mollie Driver, Julia Gray, Anna McNeece, Eliza Mulvaney, Past Presidents; \*Angie McNeece, Delegate; Emily Gillam, Alternate.

## No. 138, JOHNSON, MONTPELIER.

Maude Howard, President; Rebecca Brannum, Inez Twibell, Minnie Porter, \*Josie Burris, Past Presidents; \*Florella Weston, Delegate; Mary Gilbert, Alternate.

## No. 140, JOHN MURRAY, PIERCETON.

Alice Hayes, President; Melvina Hayden, Mabel Matchette, Margaret Douglas, Mary A. Smith, Past Presidents; \*Margaret Eddy, Delegate; Mary A. Smith, Alternate.

## No. 142, MARSH B. TAYLOR, LAFAYETTE.

\*Mattie Boyer, President; \*Alice Youkey, \*Mary C. Cassell, Mary Friend, Amanda Carr, Past Presidents; Mary C. Moore, Delegate; \*Clarinda Rhodes, Alternates.

## No. 143, MAGNOLIA, JONESBORO.

\*Mary Kies, President; \*Lydia Cline, \*Nettie Tumey, Emma C. Whitson, Anna Coleman, Past Presidents; \*Lucy A. Core, Delegate; Sarah Hill, Alternate.

## No. 144, BLINN, PRAIRIETON.

Eliza Reynolds, President; Ludica Burgett, Martha Henderson, Effie Infange, Elizabeth Matherly, Past Presidents; \*Alice Matherly, Delegate; Ella Applegate, Alternate.

## No. 146; MORGAN, PETERSBURG.

Tempie B. Smith, President; Elizabeth Reed, Kate Conrad, Ellen Paterson, Helen Wright, Cordelia Drenon, Past Presidents; \*Ada Hill, Delegate; Mary A. Goodrich, Alternate.

## No. 148, A. B. WADE, CHESTERTON.

Emma L. Taylor, President; Elizabeth Maxwell, Millicent Blackwell, Past Presidents; Frances Eliason, Delegate; Marcia Demoss, Alternate.

## No. 149, WORDEN. ALBION.

Eliza A. Trump, President; Ella Miller, Ella Kiblinger, \*Isabel Neal, Martha Prickett, Amanda E. Worden, P. Dep't. Sec'y, Past Presidents; \*Ella Miller, Delegate; Martha Prickett, Alternate.

## No. 150, SAMUEL STEWART, FLORA.

No Election Returns received.

## No. 151, CAMBRIDGE CITY, CAMBRIDGE CITY.

\*Ollie Rummel, President; Maria Francis, Alice Medsker, Mary Tyner, Caroline Poff, Rose Ohmit, Mattie McClave, Margaret Lester, Elizabeth Waddell, Past Presidents; \*Sarah Stonebaugh, Delegate; Eva Bales, Alternate.

## No. 154, STANSBURY, LIGONIER.

Melissa Denny, President; Clara Judkins, Frances C. Palmer, Jeanette McLean, Phebe Johnson, Past Presidents; \*Olive C. Simmons, Delegate; Olie Compton, Alternate.



## No. 155, FRANK NEFF, SULLIVAN.

Florence Higbee, President; Sarah R. Crowder, Sue L. Coulson, Annie DeCamp, \*Armina M. Willis, \*Lizzie Stratton, Bettie Hardesty, Beana V. Dear, Bell Murphy, \*Jane A. Coulson, Past Presidents; Leanah Mosier, Delegate; Prudence Crowder, Alternate.

## No. 159, A. L. SAYFORD, DALEVILLE.

Maggie Painter, President; Mary Helvie, Kate Diltz, Ellen Shoemaker, Jane McCabe, \*Julia Rader, Past President; \*Nancy Fetrow, Delegate; Kate Parker, Alternate.

## No. 160, SAMUEL REID, SALEM.

\*Mattie S. Hobbs, President; Flora N. Berkey, Sarah Land, Martha E. Telle, Past Presidents; Marie Zeik, Delegate; Edith Emery, Alternate.

## No. 161, HOUGHTON, MISHAWAKA.

Anna Gay, President; Nannie Jernegan, Sara L. Cook, Louisa Varney, Past President; \*Lena E. Clark, Delegate; Sara L. Cook, Alternate.

## No. 162, HENRY CHIPMAN, WARSAW.

Lillian Loveday, President; Maria Berst, Eliza Webber, Emma Phillips, Ellen Snyder, Dora T. Oram, Past Presidents; \*Sue Biddlecome, Delegate; Anna Mansfield, Alternate.

## No. 163, KOSCIUSKO, WARSAW.

\*Agnes Eschbach, President; Mary A. Parks, Lydia McComb, Helen Shorbe, Maggie Hathaway, Marilla Sharp, Past Presidents; \*May Boston, Delegate; Clara Breeding, Alternate.

## No. 165, JESSE COPPICK, WALKERTON.

Jane Ryan, President; Rose La Feber, Norma Brannaman, Sarah C. Woodward, Nancy J. Baker, Past Presidents; \*Sarah Woodward, Delegate; Ollie Cripe, Ella Decker, S. V., Mary Pratt, J. V., Alternates.

## No. 166, GEO. V. RAWSON, MICHIGAN CITY.

Clara E. Root, President; Kate Cole, Margaret Eddy, Mary A. A. Davis, Past Presidents; \*Rose Billings, Delegate; Susan Kerr, Alternate.

## No. 167, WM. LANDON, KNOX.

Pertba Beeman, President; Lulu Lankford, Susan Hayes, Ella Wilhelm, Past Presidents; Emma Booth, Delegate; Alice Denton, Alternate.

## No. 168, PHIL H. SHERIDAN, INDIANAPOLIS.

\*Martha Carbaugh, President; \*Abbie A. Britt, \*Ellen LaPorte, \*Maggie Dresser, Past Presidents; \*Sarah Hoffbauer, Delegate; \*Carrie Wilkins, Alternate.

## No. 173, WM. CUPPY, SOUTH WHITLEY

\*Alice Cook, President; Ezilda T. Bates, Anna Poland, Maggie Williams, Mary Pence, Past Presidents; Maggie Williams, Delegate; Anna Henemyer, Alternate.

## No. 175, J. J. BURGE, PRAIRIE CREEK.

Maggie Trueblood, President; Amanda Hunt, Lizzie Turner, Alice Hunt, Jennie Watson, Past Presidents; Victoria Johnson, Delegate; Bertha Starkey, Alternate.

## No. 177, REED, FULTON.

Effie Spencer, President; Amanda Hanson, Minerva Reed, \*Rosanna Oakley, Celia Beck, Past Presidents; \*Kate Woodford, Delegate; Mrs. Sargent, Alternate.

## No. 179, ALEXANDER TRIMBLE, RED KEY.

Laura Grisler, President; Florence Boyd, Ella Pyle, Mattie Conner, Lavena Shepherd, Lissa Roberts, Dilla Jenkins, Past Presidents; Laverna Shepherd, Delegate; Mattie Conner, Alternate.

## No. 180, CAPTAIN FLOYD, ANNAPOLIS.

Jennie Maris, President; Mary Goldsberry, Matilda Floyd, Sabina Atcheson, Past Presidents; \*Adaline Snyder, Delegate; Edith Shipman, Alternate.

## No. 183, ELLSWORTH, SEYMOUR.

Sarah Woodmansee, President; Georgia Seaman, \*Mary England, †Mary Wilson, \*Alzada Meek, Past Presidents; Alice Young, Delegate; \*Elizabeth Car, Alternate.

## No. 184, STEELE, ROCKVILLE.

\*Josephine B. Pickard, President; Hasseltine H. Dooley, Julia B. Meacham, \*Lucy D. Johnson, \*Sarah C. White, Past Presidents; Emma Hunt, Delegate; Louise Ott, Alternate.

## No. 186, BERLIN, NAPPANEE.

Hattie Sweezey, President; Mary Uline, Rose Spicer, Mary Peddicord, May Todd, Mary B. Fligor, Past Presidents; Clara Rosbrugh, Delegate; Maggie Pepple, Alternate.



## No. 187, SIMON MILLER, AKRON.

Matilda Parry, President; Fannie Cook, Mary Morrett, Elma D. Halderman, Nancy Ball, Mary Weaver, Past Presidents; Alfaretta Graham, Delegate; Cora Thum, Alternate.

## No. 188, M. D. MANSON, SHOALS.

Elizabeth Dollens, President; Arminta Shirey, Nettie Eastman, \*Drucilla Barthol, Past Presidents; \*Anna Schaffer, Delegate; Emma Passel, Alternate.

## No. 191, JOHN A. LOGAN, LAFAYETTE.

\*Jemima V. Brown, President; Mary Rankin, Mary Mitchell, Susan Studebaker, \*Stella Mitchell, \*Ella White; Victoria Thomas, Mary Harvey and Clara Dealy transfered from No. 142, Past Presidents; Ada G. Wallace, Delegate; Elizabeth T. White, Alternate.

## No. 192, GARFIELD, BOSWELL.

\*Mary Weaver, President; Lucy Meyers, Nancy Volz, Mary Noll, Past Presidents; \*Anna Booth, Delegate; Mary Rockhold, Alternate.

## No. 193, JOSEPH EOWEN, NORTH LIBERTY.

Rosanna Cullar, President; Helen Lee, Emma Hosler, Past Presidents; Ida Woodward, Delegate; Mina Harshbarger, Altenate.

## No. 194, FRANK BEITZELL, CENTERVILLE.

Emma Beitzell, President; Emilie King, Past President; Laura Woods, Delegate; Sarah Gentry, Alternate.

## No. 195, GEO. RIDLEN, SCOTTSBURG.

†Lola Calvert, President; Mary M. Norris, Phebe J. Harrod, Louise Parker; †Etta Houk transfered from No. 71, Past Presidents; Eva Baldwin, Delegate; Sarah Alexander, Alternate.

## No. 196, ALVIN P. HOVEY, INDIANAPOLIS.

Helen Thompson, President; Augusta Hagedom, \*Minnie Ensley, \*Susan Benson, \*Stella Hinkle, P. P. of Coal City, W. R. C., Past Presidents; \*Anna M. Walden, Delegate; Nellie Deakin, Alternate.

## No. 198, C. C. WHEELER, VERSAILLES.

No Election Returns received.

## No. 199, ISHAM KEITH, COLUMBUS.

\*Addie Shewman, President; Irene B. Hawley, Sina Peffenberger, Sarah A. Roope, Past Presidents; \*Cornelia Kellar, Delegate; Ida Shultz, Alternate.

## No. 200, LEW TAYLOR, ALEXANDRIA.

Kate Gillette, President; \*Laura M. Krider, Mary McDowell, \*Helen Keller, Past Presidents; \*Margaret Gray, Delegate; Elizabeth Tatman, Alternate.

## No. 201, HAMBRIGHT, ARCADIA.

Elvira Barber, President; Hannah A. Pike, Ruth J. Guy, Rebecca Booth, Past Presidents; Charlotte Jacobs, Delegate; Anna Lilly, Alternate.

## No. 203, JACOB L. HOOPS, MACKSVILLE.

\*Nannie E. Smith, President; \*Mary Mopps, Past Presidents; \*L. V. Zink, Delegate; Dora Harris, Alternate.

## No. 205, NEVINS, FONTANET.

Lulu Harpold, President; Julia Elwell, \*Kate McClintock, Emeren Turner, Past Presidents; Mahala Smith, Delegate; Amanda Grindle, Alternate.

## No. 206, JOHN A. HOLLETT, BROWNSBURG.

Mary M. Grey, President; \*Olive Miller, \*P. A. Burns, Past Presidents; \*Ellen Turpin, Delegate, Fannie Hopkins, Alternate.

## No. 209, JESSE ADAMS, NEW HAVEN.

Lavona Wolf, President; Clairnda Rogers, Christianna Bell, Sarah D. Gorrell, Past Presidents; Sarah Gorrell, Delegate; Christianna Bell, Alternate.

## No. 210, S. C. ALDRICH, HUDSON.

Rhoda Strawser, President; Mattie Frederick, Cora Kirkland, Past Presidents; Belle Miller, Delegate; Susan Frederick, Alternate.

## No. 211, TOM GREEN, ASHLEY.

Amarett Hunt, President; Amarett Hunt, Delegate; Lora Lakins, Alternate.

## No. 212, HARROW, MT. VERNON.

Mary Brinkman, President; Anna Larkin, Ethel Utley, Past Presidents; \*Ricy Cartwright, Delegate; Mary Keuhn, Alternate.

## No. 213, NELSON, KENDALLVILLE.

\*Mary R. Miller, President; \*Mary Mathews, Kate Taylor, Past Presidents; \*Maude Browand, Delegate; Malissa Fisher, Alternate.

## No. 214, MOROCCO, MOROCCO.

Nancy Bebout, President; Margaret Murphy, Anna Graves, Maria Hope, Past Presidents; Hattie Kessler, Delegate; Mrs. Swain, Alternate.



NO. 215, ROBT. HUFF, LAWRENCEBURG.

\*Dora O'Toole, President; †Maria L. Koehler, Mary Wood, Martha Winterowd, Past Presidents; \*Margaret McCloskey, Delegate; Sarah Daugherty, Alternate.

NO. 216, BLANKENSHIP, MARTINSVILLE.

\*Laura McCracken, President; \*Josie Rosengarten, Sarah Gurley, Past Presidents; Elsie Baker, Delegate; \*Sarah Gravis, Alternate.

NO. 219, JOHN P. PORTER, GENEVA.

Flora Premer, President; Jennie Borden, Minnie Snedeker, Belle Botkin, Ella McBride, Past Presidents; \*Mary Haviland, Delegate; Ida Crim, Alternate.

NO. 220, REMINGTON, REMINGTON.

Frances Lucky, President; Mary A. Cowgill, Mary Marquess, Past Presidents; \*Florence Landon, Delegate; Josephine Griffith, Alternate.

NO. 221, SHILOH, NEWPORT.

Mary Hasty, President; M. I. Thornton, Past President; Minnie Thorntorn, Delegate; Ethel McConnell, Alternate.

NO. 222, P. R. OWENS, CLINTON.

Louisa Johnson, President; \*Minerva Nolan, Past Presidents; \*Cora Whitted, Delegate; Daisy Scott, Alternate.

NO. 223, JOSEPH LANDIS, ORANTSBURG.

Cora A. Benham, President; Dora Roberson, Past President; Anna Scott, Delegate; Mary Froman, Alternate.

NO. 224, CUSTER, WAKARUSA.

Etta Culp, President; Laura Mishler, Mary Harrington, Past Presidents; Martha Holdeman, Delegate; Permelia Groves, Alternate.

NO. 225, WM. MCGINNIS, ROANOKE.

Addie Koontz, President; \*Ellen Wasmuth, Past President; \*Emma Shank, Delegate; Jennie Hart, Alternate.

NO. 226, JAMES CLEM, BURR OAK.

No Election Returns received.

NO. 227, CHESTER PORTER, HOPE.

Louisa Porter, President; Lessie Williams, Past President; Hannah Carter, S. V., Mary E. Reed, J. V., Alternate.

## No. 228, JAMES GAVIN, ST. PAUL.

\*Mary E. Burr, President; Fannie Howard, Ellen Diltz, Past Presidents; \*Fannie Howard, Delegate; Cora Hess, Alternate.

## No. 229, JEFF C. DAVIS, VINCENNES.

\*Mary C. Bream, President; Anna McCoy, Past President; \*Millie Boon, Delegate; Josie Young, Alternate.

## No. 230, GASKINS, FARMERSBURG.

\*Mary E. St. John, President; \*Bertha Jennings, Alternate.

## No. 231, THOMAS ASHBY, PITTSBORO.

\*Forest D. Sawyer, President; \*Marion French, Past President; \*Ora Souder, Delegate; Nannie Brumfield, S. V., Lue Cox J. V., Alternate.

## No. 232, LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GASTON.

Mollie Hoffman, President; Anna Lawson, Past President; \*Amanda Sharp, Delegate; Mollie Hoffman, Alternate.

## No. 233, SPICELY, ORLEANS.

No Election Returns received.

## No. 234, SILVERS, NEW LEBANON.

Martha E. Canary, President; \*Sue Layton, Alternate.

## No. 235, LINCOLN, TERRE HAUTE.

Mary E. Brown, President.

## No. 236, SIMONSON, CHURUBUSCO.

Rose Grisamer, President; Helen Lamar, Past President; Katherine Geiger, Delegate; \*Irma Rich, Alternate.

## No. 237, SUMMERS, CONVERSE.

Elizabeth Ruth, President.

## No. 238, MAJOR HENRY, PENDLETON.

\*Rebecca Rogers, President.

## No. 239, FRED SMALL, WESTPORT.

\*Jennie Burroughs, President.

## No. 240, JOHN C. FREMONT, COVINGTON.

Lila E. York, President.



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WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Indiana, met in Roberts Park M. E. Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, Wednesday, May 16, 1900.

The Convention was called to order by the Department President, Maria L. Schlater, at 9 o'clock.

The following Convention Officers were announced:

COLOR BEARERS.

Belle Hosmer, Corps No. 44.....	Indianapolis
Lottie Millander, Corps No. 44.....	Indianapolis
Mary Ennors, Corps No. 44.....	Indianapolis
Mary Hubbard, Corps No. 44.....	Indianapolis

CONDUCTORS.

CHIEF CONDUCTOR.

Lizzie V. Spahr.....	Indianapolis
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ASSISTANTS.

Kate Scott, Corps No. 45.....	Richmond
Catherine Jennings, Corps No. 11.....	Terre Haute

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Minnie Brown.....	Wabash
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## GUARDS.

## CHIEF GUARD.

Jennie S. Granger, Corps No. 43.....Indianapolis

## ASSISTANTS.

Susie Sharp, Corps No. 34.....Peru

Mary Marquis.....Lafayette

Myra Van Ness, Corps No. 44.....Indianapolis

Matilda Louthain, Corps No. 30.....Logansport

## PIANIST.

Mrs. Sarah White, Corps No. 183.....Rockville

## STENOGRAPHER.

Ella H. Snyder.....Indianapolis

## COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES.

Mary D. Travis, Corps No. 74.....Crawfordsville

Romaine Armstrong, Corps No. 20.....Indianapolis

Lola Calvert, Corps No. 195.....Scottsburg

The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic was announced in waiting at the door, and the Committee on Courtesies was instructed to retire and present him. The Commander-in-Chief with two members of his staff, were escorted to the platform by the Committee on Courtesies and the Color Bearers, and introduced to the Convention by the President.

Department President: I have the honor to introduce to this Convention, Commander-in-Chief, Albert D. Shaw; Chief of Staff, Col. Winans and Major McClain. Ladies Salute.

The Commander-in-Chief then addressed the Convention as follows:

Mrs President and Members of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Indiana: I am overwhelmed with the bigness of this business here this morning. I always think there is nothing more beautiful than one Christian character—"Womanhood," but where we have such an aggregation I must be excused if I show a little of that bashfulness which I had when I was a boy. I know somewhat of the excellent work of the Woman's Relief Corps of this great Department and I am very happy indeed to meet you here, along with the G. A. R. of Indiana. We are all soldiers of the great peaceable army now and the Grand Army represents that fraternity, charity and loyalty as a result of service in the cause of liberty and the Union. Those of us who had something to do with that brutal and bloody period of war during all the years of sacrifice and struggle can appreciate perhaps

more fully than one else what the blessings of peace and home are. I confess that I did not like war, and the most delightful sound that I heard during service was the bugle call to retire. I always could hear that and I always obeyed that order with alacrity. And yet in peaceful associations like these, surrounded as we are by the patriotic memories in the way of decorations and above all with that flag of glory which we followed and which we brought back in all its integrity to thrive and take on new stars and as it goes on is the greatest monument of that conflict, I say when in meeting in circumstances like this, it is almost beyond my power of expression. I wish to say as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army that our order owes very much to the Woman's Relief Corps and the loyal womanhood represented in your great order. Wherever I find in going up and down the nation, a Department or Post conspicuous for its comradeship and for its zeal, I can find out without any trouble what the main spring is. The Woman's Relief Corps is to our organization what the main spring is to a watch. They wind us up, keep us going and keep the right time. I realize of course, although I have got to be a little diplomatic in the way I tell you about it that there are other charmers, but I suppose I shall have to be frank and say that if we break our hearts in two in this respect, we must give much the largest half to the Woman's Relief Corps. I do not know that I could be fairer than that I place the larger half in this one great organization. I wish to congratulate you upon your work and upon your meeting at this time. I love the battles of peace and I love to have the ladies help fight them. I suppose that only sorrow can bring to the human heart a full realization of what noble womanhood is and only after the greatest sorrow can we fully realize those pathetic words—"Oh for the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still." I bid you God-speed in your noble work. You are helping to make happy and bright the closing years of the great heroes who perilled their lives to stand under the flag of Washington and the flag of Lincoln and to bring it back in all its beauty and power. You are to teach the generation that is to follow the great glory of a high civilization where the home is to be the unit of our civilization and the highest safe guard, the immutable peace of our great country. If the home is right the town will be right, and if the town is right the county will be right, and if the county is right the State is right, and if the States are right we will lead the world in the highest glory of citizenship. Again permit me to thank you for the high honor of being here and for this greeting and for the heartsome zeal you display in behalf of a work that is in the future largely. It was said that a great French wit said that his future lay behind him. That is not the way with



the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps. The future of our great work is indeed in the far future when the children shall rise up to honor the memory and deeds of those who went before them and in the fire and heat of battle, by their splendid service and sacrifice helped to make the land free forever. May God bless you.

Col. Winans: Mrs. President and Ladies, I am glad to be here with the Commander-in-Chief, but as your time I understand is to be taken up with more useful work than hearing speeches, I shall only say that I thank you for the privilege of being here.

Major McClain: I am a new member of this Order and have been escorting the Commander-in-Chief around the city and of course have nothing more than a word of greeting, with my best wishes for prosperity to this Order. I thank you.

Mrs. Schlater: I wish to thank the Commander-in-Chief Shaw for the eulogy he has passed upon the women of our grand Order. He says that he is going to divide his heart and give us the larger portion. The other organization is loyal and a patriotic Order, but they should be working right with us to-day. They should be one and the same. Don't divide your heart, but give your whole heart to the Woman's Relief Corps.

Agnes Hitt, announced that Mrs. Emma R. Wallace, Past National President; Mrs. McClellan, President of the Department of Illinois; and Mrs. Winans, Past Department President of Ohio and members of the W. R. C. Home Board were in waiting.

The Committee on Courtesies were instructed to retire and escort them to the platform, where they were introduced to the Convention.

Mrs. Schlater: It gives me great pleasure indeed to introduce to you Mrs. Wallace, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Winans, Past Department President of Ohio, a member of the Andersonville Prison Board and of the W. R. C. Home Board; Mrs. McClellan, Department President of Illinois and our old friend, Mrs. Hitt, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Ladies Salute.

Mrs. McClellan: Mrs. President and members of this Convention. As the Department President of Illinois and hostess of the National Encampment, I come to you with the greetings of eleven thousand Woman's Relief Corps members in the State of Illinois and I extend to you all a most cordial invitation to be with us at our National Encampment in August and I assure you we will do every-

thing we can to make it a pleasant and enjoyable Convention. I thank you, Mrs. President, and the Convention.

Mrs. Wallace: Mrs. President and members of the State of Indiana. My mind goes back a little as I come into this church this morning, for I was the Department President of Illinois when the National Convention was held here with Margaret Ray Wickins upon the platform and it was at this Convention that we succeeded in securing the passage of that law enabling us to become a member of the National Council of Women and I have the high privilege of being Chairman of that Committee this year and so I sum up all the things together and it seemed a little bit like mixing in the past with the present. I am not going to take your time for encouragement this morning, for your work has just begun. We have just finished our Convention. I only plead with earnest women, sitting here within the sacred walls of a church surrounded by the emblems that mean to us so much who are auxiliary to that great band of heroes who fought so nobly that these flags might be in this church to-day, that we will do in thought, word and deed only that which true earnest women can do, and all for the glory of God and the advancement of the cause to which we stand pledged.

Mrs. Winans: It is certainly a great pleasure indeed for me to be present this morning and look into your faces, but I do not think it advisable to take up any time, and, of course, I am not a speech maker.

Mrs. Melissa Caylor, National Inspector of the W. R. C. was also presented to the Convention.

The Department Chaplain then read a portion of Scripture and lead in prayer:

Our Heavenly Father we do thank Thee that Thou hast permitted us as a band of sisters to meet here this morning. We thank Thee, dear Father, for the Bible which Thou hast given us and that we are permitted to worship Thee under the stars and stripes. We thank Thee for the blessings that Thou hast bestowed upon us. Wilt Thou be in the homes of the widows and orphans that have been left destitute by this war and grant we pray Thee that Thou wilt be in our midst this day and all through this convention. Wilt Thou endow us with power from high and bestow upon us Thy richest blessing. May Thy blessing be upon our President, give her strength to go through this work, and may she when time is no more be gathered to the loved ones that have gone before, and be with the Department Commander and with his convention. We thank Thee that Thou hast suffered so many to be present this day. We pray Thee that Thou wilt be with those dear

sisters in the Homes O God wilt Thou be with them and comfort them and may we not forget to ask Thy blessings upon those homes and may we be instrumental in getting many without homes into these homes. Bless we pray Thee those in authority and may Thy blessing rest upon the Governor and upon our President of the United States and all in authority, and dear Jesus help us that we may always pray as Thou hast taught us to pray. (The Lord's Prayer.)

The Convention then joined in singing America, after which the Department President declared the Seventeenth Department Convention open for such business as might properly come before it.

The Department President then ordered the roll-call of Department Officers.

Mrs. Smith, Past Department President of Idaho, also an Army nurse was announced in waiting and the Department President requested the committee on Courtesies to retire and escort her to the platform, where she was introduced to the Convention by the Department President, as follows:

Department President: Ladies, I am proud indeed to introduce to you Mrs. Smith, Department President of Idaho and one of our brave army nurses. Convention salute.

In response Mrs. Smith said: Sisters of the Relief Corps, I am very glad indeed to be privileged in meeting with my old State, that is, the sisters of my home State. I am from Idaho and have been in Idaho eighteen years but Indiana is my native State. I went from Indiana down south, my husband was crippled and was sick and I went there to nurse him and then they wanted someone to take charge of the hospital and I stayed until my husband was sent back home. Then they needed a matron to take charge of the Soldiers' Home Hospital and I took charge of that hospital and took care of those boys, for they are old now but they were young then, until the close of the war and I have always been very proud and very thankful to think that I could do, and did do what I could for them. We also had two sons in the late war. Our eldest son graduated from the University of Idaho in the spring and with 45 of the graduates went out as captain of the company. Our youngest son was in the hospital of the Red Cross and he did his duty in taking care of the sick and wounded in the late war so we feel as though we were a very patriotic family and have done something for our country. We happened to be in Indiana, in Cass County on a visit and hearing of the G. A. R. Encampment and always liking to meet with the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps, we came down this week to be with you. I am privileged to meet with the ladies of the Relief Corps.



Agnes Hitt announced that Past Department Chaplain, Rachel Kenyon was very ill at her home and moved that a telegram of sympathy and greetings be sent to her. Seconded by Romaine Armstrong and taken by consent.

Margaret Glenn, Corps No. 113, moved that a telegram be sent to Winona Crisler, Corps 113, of Greensburg, who was quite ill. Seconded by Marie Koehler, Corps 215, Lawrenceburg and taken by consent.

Moved by Nena Cook, Corps 71, that the motion be changed from a telegram to a letter, because in Mrs. Kenyon's present nervous condition, it might do her more harm than good. Seconded by many and take by consent.

Margaret Glenn then moved that the same be done in respect to the telegram to Winona Crisler. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Agnes Hitt, seconded by Marie Koehler, of Corps No. 215, that this morning's session be an open one. Carried.

The Department President then announced the further Committees:  
COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES—

As previously announced.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS—

Lizzie W. Brown, Corps No. 30, Logansport,  
Josephine K. Thomas, Corps No. 112, Danville.  
Blanche Gould, Corps No. 74, Crawfordsville.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—

Agnes Hitt, Corps No. 20, Indianapolis,  
Martha M. Smith, Corps No. 14, South Bend,  
Margaret Iredell, Corps No. 45, Richmond.

COMMITTEE ON SR. AND JR. VICE-PRESIDENTS' ADDRESS—

Loretta J. Gorsuch, Corps No. 1, South Bend,  
Anna Tucker, Corps No. 72, Noblesville,  
Nettie E. Wink, Corps No. 62, Knightstown.

COMMITTEE ON SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT—

Laura Hess, Corps No. 8, Wabash,  
Mattie Hobbs, Corps No. 160, Salem,  
Lydia Cook, Corps No. 70, Anderson.

COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAIN'S REPORT—

Laura Kalter, Corps No. 94, Kokomo,  
Lou S. Havens, Corps No. 68, Rushville,  
Edwina Getty, Corps No. 30, Logansport.

## COMMITTEE ON INSPECTOR'S REPORT—

Eliza J. Crisler, Corps No. 113, Greensburg,  
Laura S. Burr, Corps No. 70, Anderson,  
Kate A. Johnson, Corps No. 60, Liberty.

## COMMITTEE ON COUNSELLOR'S REPORT—

Alice Pike, Corps No. 112, Danville,  
Belle Ephlin, Corps No. 107, Tangier,  
Fannie Palmer, Corps No. 154, Ligonier,

## COMMITTEE ON I. AND I. OFFICER'S REPORT—

Mary A. Sims, Corps No. 84, Frankfort,  
Matilda Louthain, Corps No. 30, Logansport,  
Rose Pickering, Corps No. 131, Middletown.

## COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—

Mary J. Hadley, Corps No. 112, Danville,  
Mary McIlvaine, Corps No. 11, Terre Haute,  
Lizzie A. Jenks, Corps No. 30, Logansport.

## COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS—

Ida S. McBride, Corps No. 20, Indianapolis.  
Sallie C. Haskell, Corps No. 20, Indianapolis,  
Nettie Radsford, Corps No. 44, Indianapolis.

The Senior Vice-President then took the chair and the President read her address, after which she read a memorial in honor of deceased officers of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps.

## Address of Department President.

Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Department of Indiana, Woman's Relief Corps:

One year ago the responsibilities and cares of the Department of Indiana, Woman's Relief Corps were placed in my keeping. I promised that I would faithfully and conscientiously, and to the best of my ability discharge the duties of the Office entrusted to me, and do all in my power for the advancement, interest and welfare of our Order. I can truthfully say that I have done the best I knew—and bring for your just inspection and judgment the result of the year's labor. I will add that the past year has been no exception to the preceeding ones. Errors, not a few have been made, but I shall hope as one of my predecessors has before me, that your "Mantle of Charity" will be broad enough to cover them over.

By constant care and the strenuous efforts of the Department Officials during the year, I feel that the affairs of the Department will be transferred to my successor in the same excellent condition in which they were received.

How often is it the case that in any new undertaking, we set our standard too high, and in our striving to reach the high mark, we overestimate our ability, and oftener our strength, and the endeavor seems vain.

The result of the year's work is not what I had hoped, but I comfort myself in thinking perhaps I set my mark too high.

### WORK OF THE YEAR.

I have written 1050 Letters and Postal Cards, issued ten General Orders and one Circular Letter, written 75 Special Orders and Dispensions, issued two Rosters, and by timely advice and my presence when necessary, have endeavored to do all the good possible.

As the reports of the Department Officers will be rendered to this Convention, showing the progress that has been made in the various branches



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of our work through the year, I trust that I shall voice the sentiment of every Representative here when I say they have been faithful in the discharge of their duty and faithful to their trust.

### CONDITION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The Grand Army of the Republic, ever watchful of our interests, have during the year manifested the same loyalty to our Cause, and willingness to aid in everything that tends to the promotion of good to our Order.

On the 31st of March, 1899, there were enrolled 187 Corps. There have been five new Corps organized during the year and nine disbanded making a gain of one Corps.

There were 6,756 members reported in good standing the quarter ending March 31, 1899; for the quarter ending March 31, 1900, there were 6,773. To this add the membership of the new Corps organized and it gives 188 Corps in the Department with a membership in good standing of 6,859, making a net gain of membership for the year of 103.

While the gain during the year is not great, I am proud to say that I have weeded out from the Department, all of the puny, sickly Corps, and with the exception of two, perhaps three, I shall transfer to my successor the remainder in strong healthy condition.

I wish that I, like my predecessors, might congratulate the Corps in this Department for their prompt and hearty co-operation in forwarding their Quarterly Reports to Headquarters. The Department Secretary and myself have been untiring in our efforts to avert this state of affairs and have done everything but go after them. At the close of this, my last quarter I have to report ten delinquent Corps.

### NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Philadelphia was indeed arrayed in her gala attire, to welcome to the city of "Brotherly love" the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The decorations were elaborate and profuse, Old Glory floated from every dome and pinnacle, from every housetop and window and swung in mid-air, adown and across every street a thousand times, above and below, around and about, the dear old flag greeted you.

The National Convention was an exceedingly interesting one and largely attended. Indiana's representation was not complete notwithstanding the untiring efforts of your Department President to have it so. Seven of our ten delegates were present and the delegate-at-large. Unfortunately the vacancies could not be supplied.

Memorial services held in honor of our late Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, James R. Sexton were impressive and beautiful, all things combined at the close of the beautiful September day to render the services grandly solemn and never to be forgotten.

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### DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The reports from our thirteen districts show that the Conventions this year have been unusually interesting and largely attended. It was my good fortune to be present at six of the Conventions; at four as Inspector, at two as guest. I was royally entertained by each district and thoroughly enjoyed the meetings. Each year proves more conclusively the fact that the District Conventions are becoming wonderful helpers. We are brought nearer together, in closer touch. Opinions are more freely expressed, the novel ways of raising funds, the unique and varied modes of entertainment are so freely discussed that all are enjoyable and beneficial as well.

Decision No. 1 of the Sixteenth Department Convention, that one Candidate for Delegate, and one for Alternate to the National Convention be selected from each district in caucus after assembling at the Department Convention, the same to be presented to the Convention for election. As this change in the manner of electing our delegates and alternates to the National Convention will necessitate a change in some of the previous rulings upon this question. I therefor recommend that the portion of the law governing the District Convention as refers to the election of delegates to the District Convention, and the selection of a delegate to the National Convention be eliminated so as to conform to the changes made at last Department Convention, and that paragraphs No. 6 and 7 in Digest of Decisions of Department be revised to conform to the change.

One other important matter in connection with our District Convention, in the recent death of the President of District No. 7, Catherine Craig, the necessity of electing a Vice-President at our District Convention has been made apparent. While the Department President has the appointing power to supply the vacancy, we can see very many reasons why this would be unsatisfactory to the District I therefor recommend that in the future, Vice-Presidents be elected at our District Conventions.

### INSPECTION.

This branch of our work, I believe has been systematically and thoroughly accomplished this year. With the exception of two or three changes, the work as at first planned by the Department Inspector has been carried out. Vexations and hindrances galore must be contended with in this work however, and a woman with the patience of Job, may easily be outwitted.

Seven Corps in the Department were not inspected, but this was not the result of neglect or carelessness, either on the part of the Inspector or her assistants, but circumstances over which we had no control. One Corps for good and sufficient reasons, was excused from inspection by your Department President.

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The Committee appointed to devise plans whereby the expenses of inspection might be curtailed, I believe have at last obtained a most satisfactory solution of the problem. The plan as embodied in decision No. 11, Sixteenth Department Convention has had its trial test this year and has proven satisfactory, not one complaint having been sent to Headquarters, either from Corps or Inspectors. A diversity of opinion exists as to the proper method of apportioning the expense, and as our object and aim is to deal justly with all, I therefor recommend that the Inspector and Assistant Inspectors, after their work is completed, sum up the entire amount of expenses and divide the same by the number of Corps inspected, in this way securing uniformity in the work, as well as an equal apportionment of the expense. In the matter of economy to the Department this new plan of inspection must certainly meet with your approval.

The sum of \$234.77 was paid by the Department last year for Inspection, this year the sum of \$80.50 was expended, a difference of \$154.27 in favor of the Department. I therefor recommend that this new plan be continued.

### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

This very interesting feature of our work having been placed in the hands of a competent woman, and her assistants having been selected with great care as to efficiency and ability. I feel assured that the Department will be gratified with the excellent Report that will be rendered by our Patriotic Instructor.

The patriotic spirit that has so thoroughly imbued the men and women of our State has placed Indiana in the foremost ranks of a grand movement, the introduction of patriotism into our public schools.

To the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps, the credit certainly belongs.

We are placing in the hands of our boys and girls in the schools, the instruments that will tend to the making of soldierly men and patriotic women. Each year we grow more and more zealous in our work in patriotic teaching, more desirous for its extension. We want to set our stakes still farther out, and broaden our fields in which to labor, but this cannot be accomplished in twelve short months. The Patriotic Instructor must be allowed time to systematize her work, and lay her plans before starting out, and just as the interest is highest and success the greatest the year is at an end. She must lay down her work unfinished. Another takes her place, the work goes on, but not the same. Therefor for the best interests of our order and the advancement of patriotic teaching, I recommend that the office of Patriotic Instructor be continued for a term of two years.

To Mr. Wallace Foster, I do feel especially grateful for his hearty co-operation in our work and valuable assistance rendered the Patriotic Committee.



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I take great pleasure before this Convention of expressing my hearty thanks to him, for his generous donation of one hundred Patriotic Primers placed in the hands of the Committee for Distribution.

### RELIEF EXTENDED.

During the year there has been expended in cash for relief the sum of \$2,113.11 and the relief other than money the sum of \$3,138.59. Amount turned over to the Posts of the G. A. R., \$1,296.83, making a total of \$6,548.07.

There is a noticeable difference in the amount expended during the past year and that of 1899, due no doubt to the mild open Winter, and proving as well that so long as the Veterans and his dependent ones can help themselves, there will be no demands made upon us.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Enrolled in the membership of this grand magnificent Order, are representatives from every organization of Women in our land, all united in the one harmonious mission of promoting the interests of mankind, for its elevation and progression in Christianity and morality, and as part and parcel of this noble Order we should feel a deep pride.

Voluntary contributions to this fund have been generous indeed the past year, considering the numerous other demands that have been made upon the Corps in this Department.

### THE NEW RITUALS.

From the exceedingly large sale of new Rituals during the year, I feel assured that with but few exceptions, every Corps in the Department is now working under the revised service.

### THE STATE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ORPHANS' HOME.

It has been my privilege to visit this beautiful Home twice during the year. In October, with the visiting Committee to plan for the coming of "Santa Clauss."

In December to complete the work and see that all things were in readiness for a happy "Christmas tide."

I wish that I might picture to you my visit on this occasion. Never before have I enjoyed Christmas in its broadest and fullest meaning, to witness this immense happy family of children gathered around the Christmas board, with not a shadow of discord, not a word of complaint, but cheery and bright, happy and contented enjoying the bountiful Christmas repast. I felt a greater pride than ever, that the Woman's Relief Corps was so closely identified with the interests of such a worthy Institution, that we were auxiliary to the Grand Order who were helping to sustain a Home where the Soldiers' orphans were being educated and fitted to become honorable men and women in the community.

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No grander monument will ever stand as a proof of the loyalty of the Grand Army of the Republic to their fallen comrades than the Soldiers' Orphans' Homes of our land.

The Home is in the hands of efficient Officers and Teachers, and under their management nothing more could be desired. The children are nurtured under the most benign influences of Christianity and morality, patriotism and love of country.

The amount expended for the Christmas offering this year for the children at the Knightstown Home, as well as our wards at the Home for the feeble-minded at Fort Wayne was \$517.70 of this amount \$181 was contributed by the Corps in the Department.

### THE STATE SOLDIERS' HOME, LAFAYETTE.

On April 4th it was my privilege to spend the day at this beautiful Home in company with the Department Commander and the board of Trustees. We were received and entertained in the most cordial and hospitable manner by the the new Commandant. Col. Stormont and his most estimable wife. We were conducted through the various apartments and cottages, and opportunity given for a thorough inspection. We found everything in the most perfect state of order and neatness. "Cozy comfort" seemed to impress you everywhere. The old Veterans, happy in the society of their wives were certainly enjoying "Beulah land."

There are at present 654 inmates at the home, of which 407 are men and 247 women. In the death of Commandant, Gen. Jasper Packard, the Home sustained a great loss. He was peculiarly adapted and qualified for the position, sunny and genial in his nature, firm in his ministrations and gentle as a child, in the few short months of his service there he endeared himself to all in the Home and his associations there will ever be held in most sacred and hallowed memory.

### EMERGENCY FUND.

This fund created by an Order from the National President, made necessary by our late unpleasantness with Spain, by a decision of the Seventeenth National Convention, has been very wisely disposed of. Departments and Corps still having a fund on hand, have been granted the privilege of using or disposing of the same in whatever way they may deem proper.

### LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

This noble organization whose birth dates back not many years, has already proven itself to be a genuine auxiliary in many other ways than in name, to the Order of which we are so proud, the Sons of Veterans.

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We realize and appreciate their zealous efforts in promoting the interests of the Order we all love, and their loyalty to the sacred principles we espouse.

### QUESTION.

What shall be done with our surplus accumulation of National and Department Journals? Shall they be destroyed, sold for old paper or shall they be preserved? If the latter, where and how.

As they are now stored in boxes and freighted from place to place as the Department changes, it means no small item of expense. I would like therefor to make a suggestion. Adjutant R. M. Smock has very kindly offered us space for a book case in Room 25, State House, where our Journals can be nicely preserved and readily referred to and accessible at all times. I recommend that this Convention discuss the advisability of preserving our Journals in this way.

I further recommend that hereafter not more than twenty-five Journals over and above the exact number required be printed.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

To the National President, Secretary and Treasurer, for the many courtesies extended to the Officers of the Department of Indiana, I desire to extend my sincere thanks. To the members of the Department who have so nobly aided me in my labors and have at all times so cheerfully and promptly responded to calls for duty, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of their services. Ever thoughtful, kind and courteous, zealous ever of my best interest, they have indeed been an inspiration to me in my arduous work of the year.

Department Commander, William H. Dunlap, has indeed been an able assistant and an efficient co-worker in our Cause, ever mindful of the best interests of the Woman's Relief Corps, he has at all times been ready to lend a helping hand and use his best efforts for the promotion of the good of our Order.

To Adjutant R. M. Smock, I feel especially grateful, his untiring effort to aid me in my labors, his willingness at all times to furnish information, to give advice and counsel, I have most thoroughly appreciated, for his co-operation in securing for us the most comfortable and suitable Headquarters for the Woman's Relief Corps at both National and Department Conventions, for the prompt attention given all official correspondence and for his uniform courtesies extended me during the year. To the many dear friends who sent such kind messages of congratulations, I desire to say that I have endeavored to give all my personal attention, but if any instance I have failed, it has not been due to lack of appreciation, but lack of time.

To my Secretary and Treasurer, I have nothing but words of praise and commendation, they have been faithful in the discharge of every duty



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and ever courteous and kind to me during the year. The records will bear testimony of the efficiency of their work.

The success of any administration is due to the hearty co-operation of all Officers and Members. I therefore claim that whatever success has attended the administration this year, the credit shall redound to the Officers and Members of this Department and not to myself. Respectfully submitted

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

MARIA L. SCHLATER,

Department President.

## IN MEMORIAM.

The "Grim Reaper" has been silently but rapidly marching along our lines the past year, invading the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic and entered the precincts of our own beloved Order.

With his icy breath he has kissed to sleep forever, many of the brave and gallant Comrades, and many of our beloved members. Our tears have been mingled with the mourners tears, and our hearts have been filled with the tenderest loving sympathy for the afflicted ones who sorrow and are bereaved. "The Golden Bowl has been broken, the wheel broken at the cistern, and the pitcher shattered at the fountain."

Past Commander-in-Chief, George Sargent Merrill, died at Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 17th, 1900. By his devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic, he honored the organization whose highest honor he has worthily won.

Mary Keith Shaw, wife of the Commander-in Chief, Albert D. Shaw, died Feb. 13th, 1900. She was a woman of marked ability, loved and honored by all that knew her, and a devoted wife and mother.

Anna Wittenmyer, our beloved Past National President passed from earth to a Higher Life Feb. 4th, 1900. 'Tis said, "death loves a shining mark," and how truthfully has this been verified in the passing away of this noble woman. In reviewing her past life, and the splendid record she has left to us, we realize that she was indeed a remarkable woman. She possessed great strength of character, and a brilliant mind, and a will that brought to her success in her every undertaking. She was devoted to our cause, and for many years labored industriously for the good of our Order. The Woman's Relief Corps has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Anna Wittenmyer.

Sarah J. Martin, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, died Tuesday, April 3d, 1900. Another one of our honored leaders, a brave patriotic co-worker, and a devoted Christian mother has entered into the mysteries of the unseen world.

The Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, has been called upon to mourn the loss of two of their beloved Comrades who by their loyalty to their country and the faithful discharge of duty endeared themselves to the heart of every comrade.

Major General, Henry W. Lawton, member of Sion S. Bass, Post No. 40, Fort Wayne, was killed December 19th, 1899, while in the line of duty in the Philippine Islands. He enlisted as a private in the Indiana Volunteer Infantry in the war of the Rebellion, and by untiring zeal and devotion to duty rose to the rank of Major General in the United States service.

Gen. Jasper Packard, Commandant of Indiana State Soldier's Home at Lafayette, died December 13th, 1899. In his life he was a representa-

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tive of the highest and best type of American Manhood. He was a believer in his fellow-man and his most zealous work in life was for the benefit and uplifting of humanity. His judgement was the judgement of a man who seeks to deal justly with his fellow-men. So he lived in that better way in life that leads the heart of man to the unselfish loving Man, so that he is trusted and loved.

James W. Sulgrove, died Dec. 7th, 1899. He was the beloved companion of Rebecca Sulgrove, chairman of the Visiting Committee to the S. and S. O. Home, was a man of sterling integrity, noble principles, and honored and loved in the community.

To our beloved Department Inspector, Etta E. Houk, there came a great sorrow. Death crossed the threshold of her quiet home and bore away

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the dear old Mother. The windows of that home are forever darkened and the light and life forever departed. Nancy R. Houk died Feb. 3d, 1900.

The Department Secretary has recorded the names of fifty members of our Order who have died during the year.

To the bereaved friends the Department of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps extends sincere and loving sympathy.

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Moved by Department Chaplain, Martha H. Little, seconded by Lola Calvert, that the Convention extend a vote of thanks to our Department President for her noble work during the past year, that her address be accepted and referred to the proper Committee. Taken by consent with a rising vote.

The Department President having resumed the chair, Mary D. Travis, Crawfordsville, moved that with the exception of the Counsellor's report all reports be placed in the hands of the proper committees without reading. Seconded by Loretta J. Gorsuch, South Bend, and carried.

A Committee from the Ladies Aid Society were reported at the door, and the Committee on Courtesies were instructed to retire and conduct them to the platform. The President then introduced to the Convention the Committee consisting of Mrs. Moore, President of the Indiana Division Ladies Aid Society, and Miss Ada Wallace, Pres. of the Indianapolis Division, with her staff.

Mrs. Moore: In behalf of the Indiana Division, of the Ladies Aid Society, I have come to you this morning to say that we have nothing but honor and respect for our fathers and mothers of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. We hope by our work to prove that we are capable of taking up the work when you have given it up, and do it as you have started it. Allow me to give you these flowers as a token of our regard and we will let them speak for us.



Miss Ada Wallace: Mrs. President and Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps, we have come as a Committee from the local Ladies Aid Society with our Division President this morning, and wish to say that we are happy to meet you, and also that for several years as the Ladies Aid Societies have been meeting from place to place, we have always been very much honored to have a Committee of the local W. R. C. visit us. This has made the girls' hearts feel warmer and has been a great source of encouragement to us. In behalf of the Local Division I wish to present to you these flowers. It is just the homage that we the girls owe our mothers and we hope that you will accept them in the same spirit in which they are given with all love and fraternity.

Jennie Myerhoff, Corps No. 18, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, that the sympathy and love of this convention be tendered our Past Department President, Flora Wulschner, who has suffered loss by the death of her husband, Emil Wulschner.

Resolved, that in his death our Order has lost a staunch friend and supporter.

Nettie Ransford Corps, No. 44, moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ida S. McBride, Corps No. 20, and taken by consent.

Mrs. Ransford, as a member of the Citizens Committee on Entertainment for the Encampment, then gave an address of welcome.

Mrs. President, members of the Convention and visitors: To me has been given the pleasure of bidding you in the name of the citizens of our capital city, the women and also of the local Corps, a welcome. This word is often lightly spoken, but let me assure you that upon this occasion it is given you in behalf of those for whom I speak, with all the wealth and depth of its meaning. Years ago, the fathers, husbands, brothers and the sons who marched to the South Land, many of them never to return, bivouaced in this our beautiful city. The most beautiful monument standing in the centre of our city evidences the respect and reverence felt by our commonwealth for those who by their sacrifice of life, placed the name of Indiana high upon the roll of honor among the States that stood for one flag, a united and not a divided government. Let us therefore honor their memory by emulating that trinity of virtues, fraternity, charity and loyalty and by both precept and example, give our heads and our hearts to God and our country, one country, one language, one flag. Mrs. President, in behalf of the citizens of Indianapolis and of the local Corps, we welcome you to our hearts and our homes and we pray that this Convention may be one among the most peaceful and successful of any held by the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Indiana.

Department President: In behalf of this Convention and delegates here assembled, we thank you for the cordial welcome extended to us. We are glad indeed to receive this from you.

Moved by Mrs. Denius, Corps No. 70, that the address of welcome delivered by Mrs. Ransford be accepted and published in the proceedings of the Journal. Seconded by Minnie Van Pelt, Corps No. 70, and carried.

Agnes Hitt moved that a telegram of greeting be sent to the Convention of the department of New York, then assembled. Seconded by Sarah C. White, Corps No. 183, Rockville and carried.

Moved by Melissa Caylor, seconded by Agnes Hitt, Corps No. 20 that the Convention adjourn early in order to go into the caucuses of the various districts. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Hosman, Corps No. 44, seconded by Mrs. White, Corps No. 183 Rockville, that the Convention adjourn until after the parade. Carried.

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#### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the Department President, at 4 o'clock.

The reading of the minutes of the morning session was deferred until the next morning.

The conductors reported all present members of the Order.

Department Counselor, Melissa J. Caylor, then read her report, which was referred to the proper Committee.

## Report of Department Senior Vice-President.

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TERRE HAUTE, MAY, 8th, 1900

**LIZZIE W. BROWN, DEPARTMENT SECRETARY;**

As required by rules and regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit to the Seventeenth Annual Convention the following report as Department Senior Vice-President.

I desire to express my thanks for the honor conferred on me at our last Annual Convention by electing me to the second highest office in our Order. I assure you I highly appreciate the honor.

I assumed the duties of the office with a desire to do what I could. My official duties have been very light. I have written many letters in regard to district work and answered all questions to the best of my ability. The Correspondence has been very pleasant. I received many kind invitations to attend district conventions and regret very much I could not accept. I attended only the one in my own district.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Alice McGrew of Evansville, President. Next place of meeting, Huntingburg.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The convention was held in Bedford, Sep. 20, 1899. Josie Rosengarten of Martinsville, President. Mrs. Hobbs, of Salem, Assistant Inspector was present and interviewed the work given by the entertaining Corps. Lottie Butler was elected District President and Mary Emery appointed Secretary. Next Convention will be held in Linton.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Lola Calvert of Scottsburg was elected District President. Next place of meeting, Fredericksburg.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The Convention was held in Columbus, Oct. 26, 1899. Bell H. Lemon of Rising Sun, District President; Lou Stevens of Columbus, Secretary. Past Department President, Eliza J. Crisler; Past Senior Vice President,



Irene B. Hawley; Junior Vice-President, Mary Wilson were present. There were 27 delegates and 47 visitors, making 74 in attendance. The ritual was exemplified by entertaining Corps with Eliza J. Crisler, Inspector Irene B. Hawley of Columbus was elected District President and Emma Straisinger, Secretary. Greensburg was selected for the next convention.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The Convention was held in Terre Haute, Sept. 28, 1899. Mary Wimer, President; Mattie Burget, Secretary. Thirteen Corps were represented. Mary A. McElvain, Senior Vice-President; Martha H. Little, Department Chaplain and Mary J. Miller, Department Aide were present. Morton Corps exemplified the ritual with Sarah C. White of Rockville as Inspector. The report from the Corp's President was very interesting and instructive. Minerva Nolan of Clinton was elected District President. Mrs. Reed of Clinton, Secretary. Terre Haute was selected for the next Convention.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The Convention was held in Knightstown, Oct. 11, 1899. Susan Lemon, District President with Gertrude Shea as Secretary with 74 delegates and 150 visitors present. Department President, Maria L. Schlater was present, also Department Inspector, Etta Houk. Cora Robbins was elected District President. The next Convention will be held in Shelbyville.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Convention was held in Indianapolis, Oct. 17, 1899. Olive Miller, President and Fannie Hopkins, Secretary. Twelve Corps were represented. The work was exemplified by Major Robert Anderson Corps. Catherine L. Craig of Indianapolis was elected District President. Lizzie Spahr appointed Secretary. Next Convention will be held in Indianapolis.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The Convention was held in Anderson, Oct. 10, 1899, with sixty-six delegates and a large attendance of members. Lydia Cline, President and Hettie M. Forkner, District Secretary. Department President, Maria L. Schlater was present and inspected the work as exemplified by Major May Corps. Laura S. Burr was elected District President. Next place of meeting, Montpelier.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The Convention was held in Noblesville, Oct. 24, 1899. Sue M. Cox, President and Sarah C. Mendenhall, Secretary. 218 members were present. The Department President, Maria L. Schlater; Past National President, Agnes Hitt and Past Department Presidents, Melissa Caylor, Mary A. Sims

and Mary D. Travis were present. Lookout Corps of Noblesville exemplified the ritual. Louisa Young of Frankfort was elected District President. Next place of meeting, Veedersburg.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Mary Marquess of Lafayette was elected District President. Goodland was selected for the next Convention.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

The Convention was held in Wabash, Oct. 3 1899. Grace Oswald, President; Mrs. Wortenberger, Secretary. Department President; Maria L. Schlater; Department Secretary, Lizzie W. Brown; Department Treasurer Bell Nash were present. Mrs. M. A. Kidd of Wabash was elected District President. Next place of meeting, Roann, with Roann and Akron Corps to entertain.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

The Convention was held in Columbia City, Oct. 6, 1899. Frances Palmer of Ligonier, District President; Anna G. Miller, Secretary; Department President, Maria L. Schlater was present and reviewed the work as given by the entertaining Corps. Clara McNeor of Columbia City was elected District President and Harriet Rose appointed Secretary. Angola was selected as the next place of meeting.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

The Convention was held in Bremen, Oct. 18, 1899. Dr. Flora Smith, District President with 125 delegates and visitors present. Maria L. Schlater, Department President was present, also Past Department President, Loretta J. Gorsuch inspecting the work as given by the entertaining Corps. Josie Ryan of Walkerton was elected District President. Huntsville was selected as the next place of meeting.

From reports sent in the District Conventions were very interesting and instructive. Most Districts reporting Camp Fires. I wish it were possible for me to give you full report. After carefully going over the reports I desire to make the following recommendations.

First—The District Conventions be continued as they certainly are a benefit to the Local Corps.

Second—That a District Vice-President be elected that she may serve in case of District President being unable to attend.

Third—That this Convention take some action in regard to Senior Vice-President having the privilege of attending District Conventions.

Fourth—I would suggest that the Department Inspector be instructed to arrange her work that the Senior Vice-President may assist her as this would enable her to attend some District Conventions without extra expense to Department.

In conclusion I want to express my gratitude and love to our President and Secretary and all who in their letters to me were so kind, and I assure you the past year will ever be a bright spot in my memory.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MARY. A. McELVAIN,

Dept. Senior Vice-President.



## Report of Department Junior Vice-President.

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SEYMOUR, IND., MAY 15th, 1900.

**LIZZIE W. BROWN, DEPARTMENT SECRETARY:**

In compliance with the rules and regulations of our Order, I herewith submit to the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, my report as Junior Vice-President.

As all members know, there is no special work for the Junior Vice-President of our Order to do, but to be in readiness to assist the President as she may direct, which I have been ready and willing at all times to do.

I attended the District Conventions of Nos. Three and Four and found the ladies working in harmony and for the good of our Order. I believe the District Conventions are a source of great good to our organization and I would suggest that all members entitled to vote should attend these Conventions in their districts, especially should all the Corps Presidents attend, thereby increasing both the attendance and the interest in these meetings.

I greatly appreciate the letters of friendship I have received during the year and the courtesies extended to me by all those whom I have met.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of this Department for the honors they conferred upon me one year ago, by electing me to the office of Junior Vice-President.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MARY WILSON,

Department Junior Vice-President.



## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, W. R. C., }  
LOGANSPORT, INDIANA, MAY 10, 1900. }

### MARIA L. SCHLATER, DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT:

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps, I submit to you and the Seventeenth Annual Convention the following report of the business of the Order for the year, beginning May 24th, 1899, and ending May 16th, 1900.

Entering upon my duties I found enrolled, 187 Corps. with a membership of 6,756.

#### CORPS ORGANIZED.

During the year the department has gained five Corps:

No. 236, Simonson, Churubusco, August 26, 1899.

" 237, Summers, Converse, March 22, 1900.

" 238, Major Henry, Pendleton, March 5, 1900.

" 239, Fred Small, Westport, March 27, 1900.

" 240, John C. Fremont, Covington, April 4, 1900.

#### CORPS DISBANDED.

Nine Corps have disbanded and surrendered their charters. Four of these Corps came to us in bad condition, and all were delinquent at time of disbanding:

No. 6, A. O. Bachman, Madison, April 1, 1900.

" 79, Veteran, Winamac, August 1, 1899.

" 98, Oliver Short, Rossville, March 2, 1900.

" 122, John F. Grill, Evansville, April 1, 1900.

" 153, Coal City, Coal City, Dec. 14, 1899.

" 182, Martin Rutter, Pittsburg, April 4, 1900.

" 185, Snodgrass, Crothersville, January 4, 1900.

" 190, Chas. W. Heath, East Enterprise, November 12, 1899.

" 197, Jabez Farrington, Jerome, June 1, 1899.

A duplicate charter was issued to Simon Miller, No. 187, in Nov. 1899, the original charter having been destroyed by fire.

Quarterly reports show the number of Corps and membership in good standing as follows:

	CORPS.	MEMBERSHIP
Second quarter, June 30, 1899.....	186	6,578
Third quarter, September 30, 1899.....	192	6,523
Fourth quarter, December 31, 1899.....	188	6,525
First quarter, March 31, 1900.....	188	6,773



GAINS.		LOSSES.	
By initiation, transfer, re-instatement and charter:		By death, honorable discharge, suspension, and delinquent reports.	
Second quarter.....	605	Second quarter.....	783
Third quarter.....	407	Third quarter.....	462
Fourth quarter.....	797	Fourth quarter.....	795
First quarter.....	763	First quarter.....	515
Total.....	2572	Total.....	2555

To the above membership we add the membership of three Corps not reported March 31st, and it gives the department, a total of 188 Corps, and the membership in good standing, 6,859, making a net gain of membership for the year of 103.

RELIEF CASH EXPENDED.		ESTIMATED RELIEF, OTHER THAN MONEY.	
Second quarter.....	\$ 504 47	Second quarter.....	\$ 526 30
Third quarter.....	274 39	Third quarter.....	848 61
Fourth quarter.....	630 70	Fourth quarter.....	890 51
First quarter.....	703 55	First quarter.....	873 17
Total.....	2,113 11	Total.....	3,138 59

## SUMMARY.

Cash expended in relief.....	\$2,113 11
Estimated relief other than money.....	3,138 59
Turned over to Posts.....	1,296 83
Number of Soldiers assisted during the year.....	461
Number in Soldiers' families assisted during the year.....	1,643
Number of members assisted during the year.....	333
Number in members' families assisted during the year.....	441
Total number of persons assisted.....	2 878

## QUARTERLY REPORTS.

My experience in this line has been the same as that of my predecessors, about the same number of Corps are reported delinquent each quarter, and such will be the case until Corps Presidents are brought to realize their duty in urging Corps Secretaries and Treasurers to be prompt in returning these reports to Headquarters. Very few each quarter have been returned, and some have been corrected at Headquarters, and these corrections have been without exception, received kindly by those concerned.

## ELECTION RETURNS.

Election returns have been received from all Corps in the Department except four; this small number was reached after repeated efforts on the part of the Department Secretary. Had the retiring Corps Presidents followed the instructions given in General Order, No. 8, and examined the election returns closely as she is supposed to do, it would have saved the Department considerable postage as well as time consumed in rehandling reports, etc. I desire to thank most kindly those Installing Officers who were prompt.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

During this Administration there has been sent to Corps Presidents, Past Department Presidents, Department Aides, National Officers, Department Presidents of various states, the G. A. R. Department Officers, Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, President of Ladies Aid Society, and many others; ten Department General Orders, one Circular Letter, two Rosters, and one Circular Letter from each of the following: Etta E. Houk, Department Inspector; Eliza J. Crisler, Department Patriotic Instructor National Council of Women Committee, the National Patriotic Instructor, Alice Y. Eordwell.

Ten General Orders and one Circular Letter from National Headquarters have been sent to all except National Officers and Department Presidents.

One National password and one Department password have been sent to all except Corps Presidents. The following blanks have been sent: Memorial Day Reports, Secretaries' and Treasurers' blanks for four quarters, Quarterly Reports to Posts, Election Return Blanks, Installing Officers Blanks, Blanks for Patriotic Instruction, and one Commission to each Appointed Officer. I have had no time to estimate the number of letters and postal cards written. I have received many letters expressing words of kindness, along with the business, to the writers of which I express grateful thanks.

## CONCLUSION.

No one knows but my predecessors the long hours given to this work, and the exacting labor required—but after all, ties are formed and friendships gained which will be as lasting as Time, and we think it a year well spent.

To you, dear Mrs. President, I wish to extend sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness I have received during the year, also for the honor shown me in my appointment to this office.

To the Department Treasurer, I return grateful thanks for favors shown and the unvaried kindness and courtesy shown me during this year of constant association.

The year has been a busy one, but it has also been a pleasant one and will always be recalled with pleasant memories.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

LIZZIE W. BROWN,

Department Secretary.



## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, W. R. C. }  
LOGANSPOBT, INDIANA, MAY 10, 1900. }

**LIZZIE W. BROWN, DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, W. R. C.:**

In compliance with my duty as Department Treasurer, I submit the following report:

### RECEIPTS.

#### GENERAL FUND.

Amount received from Past Department Treasurer, Alice S. Pike .....	\$ 41 70
Received for supplies and postage, quarter ending June 30 .....	65 93
Received for supplies and postage, quarter ending September 30 .....	181 81
Received for supplies and postage, quarter ending December 31 .....	182 49
Received for supplies and postage, quarter ending March 31 .....	297 35
Total .....	\$769 48
Received per capita tax, quarter ending June 30 .....	519 60
Received per capita tax, quarter ending Sept. 30 .....	521 84
Received per capita tax, quarter ending Dec. 31 .....	547 28
Received per capita tax, quarter ending Mar. 31 .....	560 56
Total .....	\$2,149 28

#### CHRISTMAS FUND.

Amount received from Past Department Treasurer, Alice S. Pike .....	\$1,145 11
Received during quarter ending Dec. 31 .....	181 00
Total .....	\$1,326 11

#### RELIEF FUND.

Received of Past Department Treasurer .....	\$39 50
Total .....	\$39 50

#### DONATIONS TO NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN FUND.

Received during quarter ending March 31 .....	\$7 52
Total .....	\$7 52

#### DONATIONS TO ANDERSONVILLE PRISON.

Received during quarter ending Dec. 31 .....	\$59 77
Received during quarter ending March 31 .....	13 39
Total .....	\$73 16

## DONATIONS TO SIMON MILLER, W. R. C.

Received during quarter ending Dec. 31.....	\$ 16 62	
Total.....		\$16 62

## DONATIONS TO BETSEY ROSS FUND.

Received during quarter ending Dec. 31.....	\$12 50	
Total.....		\$12 50

## DONATIONS TO NATIONAL W. R. C. HOME.

Received during quarter ending Dec 31.....	\$23 00	
Total.....		\$23 00
Total receipts for the year ending Mar. 31, 1900 .....		\$4,417 17

## EXPENDITURES.

National Treasurer for supplies, quarter ending June 30	\$ 82 89	
National Treasurer for supplies, quarter ending Sept. 30	119 43	
National Treasurer for supplies, quarter ending Dec. 31	166 29	
National Treasurer for supplies, quarter ending Mar. 31	305 01	
Total .....		\$673 62

National Treasurer per capita tax quarter ending June 30	\$197 34	
National Treasurer per capita tax quarter ending Sept. 30	169 75	
National Treasurer per capita tax quarter ending Dec. 31	171 03	
National Treasurer per capita tax quarter ending Mar. 31	178 30	
Total .....		\$716 42

Expended from Christmas fund, quarter ending Dec 31	\$ 93 01	
During quarter ending March 31 .....	424 89	
Total .....		\$517 90

Expended from Simon Miller fund quarter ending Dec. 31	\$ 16 62	
Total .....		\$16 62

Expended from Andersonville Prison fund, quarter ending Dec. 31.....	\$ 59 77	
Quarter ending Mar. 31.....	13 39	
Total.....		\$73 16

Expended from W. R. C. Home fund, quarter ending March 31 .....	\$ 23 00	
Total .....		\$23 00

Expended from Betsey Ross fund, quarter ending Mar. 31	\$ 12 50	
Total .....		\$12 50

Expended from National Council of Women Fund, quarter ending Mar. 31.....	\$ 7 52	
Total.....		\$7 52
Department Secretary's salary for quarter ending June 30	\$ 35 00	
Department Secretary's salary for quarter ending Sept. 30	50 00	
Department Secretary's salary for quarter ending Dec. 31	50 00	
Department Secretary's salary for quarter ending Mar. 31	50 00	
Department Treasurer's salary for quarter ending June 30	35 00	
Department Treasurer's salary for quarter ending Sept. 30	50 00	
Department Treasurer's salary for quarter ending Dec. 31	50 00	
Department Treasurer's salary for quarter ending Mar 31	50 00	
Total .....		\$370 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR THE QUARTER  
ENDING JUNE 30.

Expressage, Freight and Telegrams.....	\$ 14 44	
Stamps and Postal Cards.....	21 74	
Sundries for Office.....	1 50	
Office Rent.....	5 00	
Printing.....	17 05	
Etta E. Houk, Expenses as Department Inspector.....	3 91	
Department President's Expenses to Indianapolis.....	5 85	
J. C. Sipe, Testimonials for Mrs. Hadley.....	80 00	
Total.....		\$149 49

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR THE QUARTER  
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30.

Expressage.....	\$ 11 03	
J. Z. Powell, Postage Stamps.....	26 11	
Departments Stamps.....	9 82	
Office Rent.....	15 00	
Printing.....	48 20	
Expenses for Auditing Committee.....	10 55	
Department President's Expenses to Indianapolis.....	5 35	
Eliza J. Crisler's Expenses to Indianapolis.....	1 85	
Department President's Expenses to Winamac.....	1 45	
Office Supplies.....	75	
C. E. Hollenbeck for Badges.....	29 00	
Celia Gaines, Money Returned.....	5 00	
Fred E. Warner, Printing Journals.....	251 04	
Department President's Expenses to National Convention at Philadelphia.....	19 90	
Department Secretary's Expenses to National Convention at Philadelphia.....	21 10	
Continental Hotel Headquarters, National Convention.....	88 80	
Total .....		\$545 05



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 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR THE QUARTER  
ENDING DECEMBER 31.

Expressage.....	\$ 10 73
J. Z. Powell, Stamps and Postal Cards.....	18 78
Department, Stamps.....	18 52
Office Rent.....	15 00
Department President Expense, two trips to the S. and S. O. Home.....	10 35
Etta Houk, Expense to S. and S. O. Home.....	3 50
Laura Burr, Expense to S. and S. O. Home.....	5 75
Lou S. Havens, Expense to S. and S. O. Home.....	1 45
Cline Bros., Stove for Department.....	3 70
Mary J. Hadley, Postage on Department Journals.....	11 20
Expenses of Auditing Committee.....	9 25
Department, Supplies for Akron Corps.....	4 84
Department President Expense to Chicago.....	10 35
Printing.....	18 65
Eliza J. Crisler, Expense on Postage, Expressage and Drayage on Patriotic Literature.....	15 90
Supplies for Office.....	50
Total.....	\$158 47

 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR THE QUARTER  
ENDING MARCH 31.

Expressage.....	\$ 19 24
J. Z. Powell Stamps.....	28 17
Department Stamps.....	18 04
Office Rent.....	15 00
Cora Thum, Donation to Corps No. 187.....	16 62
Expense of Auditing Committee.....	5 10
Money Refunded Corps No. 81.....	78
Department President's Expense to Indianapolis.....	4 40
J. B. Stilling, Mailing Department Journals.....	22 42
Money Refunded Edna Foster for Inspection.....	1 10
Printing.....	12 45
Eliza J. Crisler, Expense as Patriotic Instructor.....	1 96
Lola Calvert, Expense I. and I. Officer.....	8 02
Hollenbeck, for Badges.....	15 00
Smith Bros. Stationery Co., Printing Roster.....	15 00
Money Returned to following Corps: Nos 107, 19, 173, 151, 11, 135, 144, 48, 216, 31, 71, 3. Total.....	12 50
Department President's Expense to Westfield.....	2 90
Money Returned to Lebanon Corps.....	42
Department, for Telephone and Telegrams.....	1 85
Department Office Supplies.....	6 05
Total.....	\$208 02

## INSPECTION EXPENSE.

Agnes Hitt .....	\$ 2 30
Maria L. Schlater .....	3 62
Francis Palmer .....	5 82
Laura Burr .....	11 22
Mary McElvain .....	1 70
Ethel Utley .....	1 55
Agnes Perry .....	9 00
Lottie Butler .....	6 45
Lou S. Havens .....	4 35
Edna Foster .....	5 33
Sarah White .....	4 50
Mary J. Hadley .....	2 55
Mattie Holbs .....	4 50
Loretta Gorsuch .....	1 88
Mary A. Davis .....	1 75
Eliza Crisler .....	5 80
Margaret Iredell .....	1 60
Mary D. Travis .....	3 30
Mary Biglow .....	3 28
Total .....	\$80 50
Total Expense for the Year ending March 31 .....	\$3,552 27

## RECAPITULATION.

During the year, General Fund .....	\$2,918 76
“ “ “ , Christmas Fund .....	1,326 11
“ “ “ , National Council Women Fund .....	7 52
“ “ “ , Andersonville Prison Fund .....	73 16
“ “ “ , Simon Miller, W. R. C. ....	16 62
“ “ “ , Betsey Ross Fund .....	12 50
“ “ “ , National W. R. C. Home .....	23 00
“ “ “ , Relief Fund .....	39 50
Total Receipts for the year ending Mar. 31 .....	\$4,417 17

## EXPENDITURES.

During the year, General Fund .....	\$2,901 57
“ “ “ , Christmas Fund .....	517 90
“ “ “ , National Council Women Fund .....	7 52
“ “ “ , Andersonville Prison Fund .....	73 16
“ “ “ , Simon Miller, W. R. C. ....	16 62
“ “ “ , Betsey Ross .....	12 50
“ “ “ , National W. R. C. Home .....	23 00
Total .....	\$3,552 27

## RECEIPTS FOR CHRISTMAS FUND.

No. CORPS.	AMOUNT.
107. Erwin .....	\$1 00
18. Farragut .....	5 00
44. Major Robert Anderson .....	3 00
113. "Pap" Thomas .....	2 00
160. Samuel Reid .....	2 00
77. Stephen Bailey .....	1 00
163. Kosciusko .....	2 50
81. Fahler .....	1 00
24. Chaplain Brown .....	1 00
54. Wm. Smith .....	2 00
7. Sion S. Bass .....	7 00
94. T. J. Harrison .....	3 00
20. George H. Thomas .....	5 00
45. Sol Meredith .....	5 00
119. Williams .....	3 00
96. G. W. Lennard .....	1 00
168. Phil H. Sheridan .....	2 00
213. Nelson .....	1 00
70. Major May .....	2 00
60. Duvall .....	3 00
132. Hugh Willetts .....	1 00
84. Stone River .....	5 00
74. McPherson .....	5 00
151. Cambridge City .....	4 00
91. Meade .....	2 00
162. Henry Chipman .....	2 00
166. George V. Rawson .....	1 00
100. Wm. A. Boyd .....	1 00
10. George H. Chapman .....	5 00
14. Auten .....	5 00
11. Morton .....	5 00
43. Jos. R. Gordon .....	2 00
16. Patton .....	1 00
35. Burnt Hickory .....	2 00
36. Hardzog .....	2 00
21. Altoona .....	1 00
203. Jacob L. Hoops .....	1 00
89. Ben North .....	3 00
120. Benton .....	2 00
68. Joel Wolfe .....	3 00
135. E. C. Newland .....	2 50



No. CORPS.	AMOUNT.
144. Blinn .....	\$1 00
93. John A. Platter .....	1 00
48. Deacon .....	1 00
115. Leslie .....	1 00
61. Hancock .....	1 00
131. George W. Rader .....	1 00
206. John A. Hollett .....	1 00
188. M. D. Manson .....	1 00
63. Gen. Shunk .....	1 00
31. Archer .....	2 00
71. Faifax .....	1 00
191. John A. Logan .....	1 00
117. Elwood .....	1 00
5. Shiloh Field .....	3 50
51. Dumont .....	2 00
28. McPheeters .....	1 00
184. Steele .....	1 00
2. DeLong .....	3 00
155. Frank Neff .....	1 00
30. Logansport .....	4 00
58. Judson Kilpatrick .....	1 00
25. Connersville .....	7 00
40. John F. Ruckle .....	2 00
233. Spicely .....	1 00
59. Geo. W. Stough .....	2 00
194. Frank Beitzell .....	1 00
3. Gen. Canby .....	3 00
78. James Price .....	1 00
112. Jesse Ogden .....	2 50
57. H. C. Coulter .....	1 50
149. Worden .....	2 00
229. Jeff C. Davis .....	1 00
128. Beeson .....	1 00
12. John Craig .....	3 00
124. Jacob Stahl .....	5 00
8. James H. Emmett .....	2 00
34. Reyburn .....	2 00
137. Moses Herron .....	1 00
116. Frank Jones .....	2 00
27. Waterloo .....	1 50
Total .....	\$180 50

## DONATIONS TO ANDERSONVILLE PRISON FUND.

NO. CORPS.	AMOUNT.
126. Goodland.....	\$1 05
92. Paul E. Slocum.....	4 30
94. T. J. Harrison.....	2 00
45. Sol Meredith.....	2 00
119. Williams.....	1 00
84. Stone River.....	1 96
151. Cambridge City.....	1 00
163. Kosciusko.....	3 00
135. E. C. Newland.....	5 00
144. Blinn.....	1 00
216. Blankenship.....	4 00
5. Shiloh Field.....	2 10
71. Fairfax.....	20
117. Elwood.....	3 00
14. Anten.....	5 00
20. Geo H. Thomas.....	5 00
11. Morton.....	1 00
205. Nevins.....	1 00
115. Leslie.....	1 00
43. Joseph R. Gordon.....	26
30. Logansport.....	2 00
107. Erwin.....	1 40
3. Gen. Cauby.....	2 00
113. "Pap" Thomas.....	5 00
31. Archer.....	2 00
35. Burnt Hickory.....	1 00
120. Benton.....	1 50
74. McPherson.....	5 00
102. James C. Veatch.....	11
47. Capt. Wm. Lewis.....	1 00
72. Lookout.....	70
151. Cambridge City.....	22
112. Jesse S. Ogden.....	1 00
29. J. H. Danseur.....	98
16. Patton.....	1 00
100. Wm. A. Boyd.....	10
236. Simonson.....	16
83. Ellsworth.....	15
215. Robert Huff.....	18
114. George Miller.....	1 60
88. Roann.....	16

OF THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

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No. CORPS.	AMOUNT.
27. Waterloo.....	\$ 50
36. Hardzog.....	27
194. Frank Beitzell.....	13
121. Joe Cook.....	13
Total.....	\$73 16

DONATIONS TO NATIONAL W. R. C. HOME.

No. CORPS.	AMOUNT.
212. Harrow.....	\$1 00
43. Joseph R. Gordon.....	2 00
78. James Price.....	1 00
94. T. J. Harrison.....	3 00
144. Blinn.....	1 00
51. Dumont.....	1 00
137. Moses Herron.....	1 00
46. Nelson Trusler.....	46
20. George H. Thomas.....	5 00
11. Morton.....	5 00
Total.....	\$20 46

DONATION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMAN FUND.

No. CORPS.	AMOUNT.
48. Deacon.....	\$ 50
163. Kosciusko.....	1 00
59. George W. Stough.....	50
16. Patton.....	50
160. Samuel Reid.....	25
236. Simonson.....	32
10. Geo. H. Chapman.....	1 00
36. Hardzog.....	1 00
84. Stone River.....	2 00
52. Chas. Case.....	20
31. Joe Cook.....	25
Total.....	\$7 52

Total receipts for the year ending Mar. 31 ..... \$4,417 17

Total disbursements for the year ending Mar. 31..... 3,552 27

Cash balance on hand Mar. 31, 1900..... 864 90



## SUPPLEMENT REPORT FOR APRIL.

Received in General Fund since Mar. 31 for supplies and postage.....	\$38 78	
Per Capita tax.....	13 12	
Total .....		\$51 90
Received from Andersonville Prison fund during Apr. ....	\$ 25 31	
Total .....		\$25 31
Received from National Council of Women fund during the month of April .....	\$20 74	
Total .....		\$20 74
Total Receipts during April.....		\$97 95

## EXPENDITURES.

Department Secretary's salary from April 1 to May 24 .....	\$15 00	
Department Treasurer's salary from April 1 to May 24 .....	15 00	
Total .....		\$30 00

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE.

Expressage.....	\$ 2 60	
Department Stamps.....	8 97	
Expense of Auditing Committee .....	11 35	
J. Z. Powell, stamps.....	34	
Office Rent .....	10 00	
Woods for printing .....	1 75	
Wilson & Humphreys, printing.....	2 50	
National Treasurer for supplies .....	49 91	
Total .....		\$87 42

## EXPENDED IN APRIL.

Andersonville Prison fund .....	\$25 31	
National Council of Women Fund.....	20 74	
Total .....		\$46 05
Total Expenditure in April .....		\$163 47
Balance on hand April 1.....	\$864 90	
Receipts for April .....	97 95	
Total .....	\$963 85	
Expenditures for April.....	\$163 47	
Balance on hand May 1, 1900 .....		\$799 38

OF THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

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DONATIONS TO ANDERSONVILLE PRISON FUND.

No.	CORPS.	AMOUNT.
106.	Gettysburg .....	\$ 25
60.	Duvall .....	3 26
162.	Henry Chipman .....	44
107.	Erwin .....	25
7.	Sion S. Bass .....	82
184.	Steele .....	2 00
14.	Auten .....	55
30.	Logansport .....	29
234.	Silvers .....	25
144.	Blinn .....	13
165.	Jesse Coppick .....	20
4.	F. D. Mathews .....	12
10.	George H. Chapman .....	52
69.	Lieut Yakey .....	1 40
105.	Stillwell .....	50
210.	S. C. Aldrich .....	14
89.	Ben North .....	1 00
212.	Harrow .....	17
22.	Lookout Valley .....	50
113.	"Pap" Thomas .....	31
186.	Berlin .....	20
188.	M. D. Manson .....	25
45.	Sol Meredith .....	60
224.	Custer .....	16
62.	J. B. Mason .....	50
5.	Shiloh Field .....	31
187.	Simon Miller .....	12
35.	Burnt Hickory .....	18
193.	Jcs. Bowen .....	12
44.	Major Robert Anderson .....	48
26.	Cicero .....	12
195.	George Ridlen .....	15
136.	Col. Robert Heath .....	12
140.	John Murray .....	12
20.	George H. Thomas .....	83
160.	Samuel Reid .....	3 00
143.	Magnolia .....	45
96.	G. W. Lennard .....	40
131.	Geo. W. Rader .....	25
110.	McClung .....	08

No. CORPS.	AMOUNT.
135. E. C. Newland .....	\$ 25
149. Worden .....	23
9. Sanderson .....	13
45. James R. Slack .....	19
93. John A. Platter .....	50
229. Jeff C. Davis .....	25
77. Stephen J. Bailey .....	30
83. John Wheeler .....	20
87. Lew Dailey .....	35
63. Gen. Shunk .....	13
138. Johnson .....	30
233. Spicely .....	17
54. Wm. Smith .....	21
227. Charles Porter .....	10
64. Samuel H. Dunbar .....	13
166. Geo. V. Rawson .....	28
57. H. C. Coulter .....	25
Total .....	\$25 31

## DONATIONS TO NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN FUND.

No. CORPS.	AMOUNT.
60. Duvall .....	\$ 60
165. Jessie Coppick .....	50
135. E. C. Newland .....	50
149. Worden .....	50
107. Erwin .....	25
7. Sion S. Bass .....	2 50
94. T. J. Harrison .....	1 00
67. John Ruess .....	1 00
14. Auten .....	1 00
30. Logonsport .....	65
144. Blinn .....	1 00
111. Leamon Griffith .....	50
71. Fairfax .....	22
166. Geo. V. Rawson .....	1 00
45. Sol Meredith .....	2 00
22. Lookout Valley .....	70
124. Jacob Stahl .....	1 00
77. Stephen J. Bailey .....	1 00
5. Shiloh Field .....	28
184. Steele .....	60



NO. CORPS.	AMOUNT.
112. Jesse S. Ogden .....	\$ 32
72. Lookout .....	1 37
89. Ben North .....	89
90. Gosport .....	50
11. Morton .....	50
74. McPherson .....	1 00
142. Marsh B. Taylor .....	25

Total ..... \$20 74

## RECEIPTS FROM MAY 1 TO MAY 24, 1900.

General Fund .....	\$12 90
Total Receipts during May .....	\$12 90

## EXPENDITURES FROM MAY 1 TO MAY 24, 1900.

Expressage, crating and drayage .....	\$ 3 51
Supplies .....	29 00
Badges .....	3 25
Sundries .....	1 70
Telegrams and Hack fare .....	3 35
Nannie L. Ross (Patriotic Instructor) .....	90
T. J. Holbroke, Janitor's fees .....	10 00
Rent of Piano .....	4 00
Convention Expenses, Hotel and Railroad fare .....	46 55
Ella Snyder, Stenographer .....	15 00
Minnie Brown, Assistant Secretary .....	5 00
Smith Bros. Stationery Co, Printing .....	31 10

Total Expenditures for May ..... \$153 36

Balance on hand May, 1, 1900 ..... 799 38

Receipts during May ..... 12 90

Total Receipts ..... 812 28

Expenditures during May ..... 153 36

Balance May 24, 1900 ..... \$658 92

## DIVISION OF FUNDS—TOTAL BALANCES.

Christmas Fund .....	\$619 42
Relief Fund .....	39 50

Total ..... \$658 92

Supplies on hand ..... \$101 37

Office Furnishings ..... 72 70

Total ..... \$174 07

Total ..... \$832 99

## INVOICE OF OFFICE FURNITURE.

1 Desk and Chair.....	\$35 00
1 Letter Press.....	5 00
1 Letter File.....	15
1 Department Seal.....	3 00
1 Pair Scissors.....	30
3 Rose Bowls.....	30
1 Radiator.....	7 00
1 Carpet.....	14 00
1 Ink Set.....	1 00
1 Pair Scales.....	4 00
1 Stamp Sticker.....	25
1 Set Pigeon Holes.....	1 75
1 Waste Basket.....	60
2 Pieces Oil Cloth.....	50
Total.....	\$72 85

## INVOICE OF SUPPLIES RECEIVED.

7 Bronze Pins.....	\$1 40
3 Rolled Gold Pins.....	2 55
2 Red Geneva Crosses.....	2 50
43 Emblems.....	86
6½ Yds. Badge Ribbon.....	1 30
1 Yd. Badge Ribbon.....	20
3¼ Yds. Badge Ribbon.....	70
66 Seal Wafers.....	66
42 Rituals.....	7 56
20 Service Books.....	3 60
2 Corps Charters.....	50
1 Department Service Book.....	50
2 Burial and Memorial Books.....	16
33 Rules and Regulations.....	99
183 Applications.....	90
67 Invoices of Supplies.....	50
68 Arrearage Blanks.....	25
12 Corps Treasurer's Bonds.....	12
16 Opening Ode.....	1 28
3 Initiation March.....	45
39 Ode Cards.....	39
25 Discharge Cards.....	31
21 Transfer Cards.....	26
51 Visiting Cards.....	63
18 Department Credential Cards.....	09

24 National Credential Cards.....	12	
3 Journals.....	2	10
8 Ledgers.....	6	40
7 Cash Books.....	5	60
3 Roll Books.....	2	40
2 Small Roll Books.....		60
1 Small Journal.....		30
1 Small Cash Book.....		35
3 Corps Secretary's Order Book.....	1	20
2 Department Secretary's Order Book.....	1	26
3 General Order Files.....		75
6 Letter Files.....	2	10
1 Beath's Blue Book.....		88
3 Red Books.....	1	50
5 Department Commissions.....		25
5 Large Electros.....	1	50
5 Small Electros.....	1	00
2 Specimen Sheets Ledger.....		06
10 Specimen Sheets Cash.....		30
100 Corps Treasurer's Reports.....		50
36 Patriotic Primers.....	7	20
7 Membership Badges.....	1	89
50 Officers' Badges.....	13	50
1 Press Correspondent's Badge.....		27
1 National Officer's Badge.....		27
11 Department Officer's Badge.....	2	97
3 Echoes of Liberty.....	1	50
3 Sets Cotton Flags and Stands.....	9	00
1 Set Stands.....		88
Total.....		\$95 31

## FREE BLANKS.

- 38 Corps Secretary's Report.
- 36 Corps Treasurer's Report.
- 11 Department Secretary's Consolidated\*Blank.
- 16 Department Treasurer's Conolidated Blank.
- 150 Assistant Instituting and Installing Officer.
- 26 Memorial Day Blanks.
- 122 Corps Election Returns.
- 179 Corps Relief Reports.
- 44 Consolidated Report of Corps Installations.
- 33 Assistant Prtriotic Instructor.
- 30 Charter Application Blanks.



- 7 Corps Requisition Books.
- 2 Department Requisition Books.
- 11 Instructions for Corps and Department Auditing Committee.

CONCLUSION.

The truth of the old saying, "It is the unexpected that comes to us" was fully proven one year ago when I was selected Department Treasurer; and when I assumed the duties I did not realize the great responsibility and labor connected with the office. I have tried faithfully to discharge my duties and have done so to the best of my ability.

I consider it a great honor and pleasure to have served the Department one year and as a result feel in touch and sympathy with every Corps, and it is with regret I sever my connections with this noble work.

The work of the Auditing Committee has been very satisfactory and we enjoyed their visits very much.

And now Dear Department Secretary I wish to express to you my feeling of gratitude and love for the many kind words of encouragement, and the assistance given me in my work and I sincerely hope the friendship formed during the year may prove lasting.

To my dear President: I cannot thank you enough for your kindness, thoughtfulness and patience during our year's work together, and I wish to say in conclusion that I trust I have been faithful to all tasks imposed, and that the seed sown this year may result in a bountiful harvest.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

BELLE NASH,

Department Treasurer.

# Report of Department Chaplain.

GREENCASTLE, IND., MAY, 10, 1900.

**LIZZIE W. BROWN, DEPARTMENT SECRETARY:**

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations, I have the pleasure of submitting this consolidated report, compiled from reports of Corps Chaplains, of the Department of Indiana.

Number of Corps.....	190
Number of Corps reporting.....	163
Membership number.....	6,542
Corps attending Memorial Services.....	151
Number of members attending Memorial Services.....	3,982
Soldiers' graves decorated.....	24,007
Children taking part.....	36,817
Expenses incurred.....	\$719.91
Corps furnishing refreshments.....	12
Corps contributing flowers.....	160
Memorial for Unknown Dead.....	119
Amount of money sent South.....	\$43

Corps reporting contributions sent for Memorial Day in the South:

James H. Emmett, No. 8, Wabash.....	\$2 00
Chapman, No. 10, Indianapolis.....	1 00
Morton, No. 11, Terre Haute.....	1 00
Jeffersonville, No. 12, Jeffersonville.....	1 00
Auten, No. 14, South Bend.....	2 00
Patton, No. 16, LaPorte.....	1 00
Geo. H. Thomas, No. 20, Indianapolis.....	5 00
Chaplain Brown, No. 24, Valparaiso.....	1 00
Connersville, No. 25, Connersville.....	1 00
Logansport, No. 30, Logansport.....	1 00
W. B. Reyburn, No. 34, Peru.....	1 00
Maj. Robert Anderson, No. 44, Indianapolis.....	1 00

Sol. Meredith, No. 45, Richmond.....	2 00
Geo. W. Strong, No. 59, Columbia City.....	1 00
Duvall, No. 60, Liberty.....	1 00
Gen. Shunk, No. 63, Marion..... (Amount not given)	
Lookout, No. 72, Noblesville.....	1 00
Stephen J. Bailey, No. 77, Portland.....	1 00
Ben North, No. 89, Rising Sun.....	1 00
John H. Platter, No. 93, Aurora.....	1 00
T. J. Harrison, No. 94, Kokomo.....	1 00
Jessie S. Ogden, 112, Danville.....	1 00
"Pap" Thomas, No. 113, Greensburg.....	1 00
George Miller, No. 114, Windfall.....	25
Benton, No. 120, Fowler.....	1 00
Joe Cook, No. 121, Lynn.....	50
Rich Mountain, No. 125, Lebenon.....	1 00
Martin, No. 130, Westville.....	25
Magnolia, No. 143, Jonesboro.....	1 00
Blinn, No. 144, Prairieeton.....	1 00
Worden, No. 149, Albion.....	2 00
Samuel Reed, No. 160, Salem.....	2 00
Kosciusko, No. 163, Warsaw.....	1 00
William Cuppy, No. 173, South Whitley.....	1 00
Ellsworth, No. 183, Seymour.....	1 00
Simon Miller, No. 187, Acton.....	50
M. D. Manson, No. 188, Shoals.....	50
Harrow, No. 212, Mt Vernon.....	1 00
Blankenship, No. 216, Martinsville.....	1 00
Total.....	\$43 00

By reference to the National Chaplain's report for 1899, it will be seen that out of the 190 corps in this Department only 106 reported in time to be accredited in the consolidated report to the National Chaplain, and this, too, after the full limit of time allowed by the Rules and Regulations. I therefore suggest that hereafter all corps chaplains make out and forward their reports immediately after the Memorial Exercises, as then all data is in, and while it is yet fresh in their minds.

Throughout the Department, Memorial Day was observed in a befitting manner. In some places conveyances were furnished the Veterans as they went to strew flowers o'er the graves of their Fallen Comrades.

In many reports I see that the graves of three wars were decorated. Sisters, let not one grave be forgotten. And one reports that the grave of one who wore the gray, as it lay by those in blue also, was not forgotten, showing that there is a spirit of "charity for all" and courtesy for those who heroically and honestly fought for what they believed was right.



We note with pleasure the interest which the children are taking in this sacred day. We feel that a great deal of this is due to Capt. Wallace Foster who started the movement for Patriotic Teaching in the Public Schools. He has built for himself a monument more lasting than granite. All the children for ages to come will learn from history's page "the names of those who wore the Blue, Columbia's Fallen Braves."

Since our last Convention, the pale messenger, Death, has come to many firesides and has taken from us many loved ones. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones in this their irreparable loss. Among these we note the death of our beloved Annie Wittenmyer, one of our oldest and most prominent women; famous as an army nurse in the Civil War, and a woman who was also a Past National President. And there is yet another, a Past National President, Sarah J. Martin. In the lines of the poet we can say of her that she has

Gone in her purity, fallen asleep,  
Death is eternal life, why should we weep?  
Close the sweet eyes in their last, silent rest,  
Fold the white hands on the still, pulseless breast,  
Smooth the bright hair from the forehead away,  
Her Father has called her and she must obey;  
Leaving the world where the cross must be borne,  
Going to Him where the crown shall be worn.

Why should we mourn for her? Sorrow and woe,  
Sickness and suffering no more shall we know,  
Meekly and calmly the folded hands lie,  
Beautiful angel, the body must die,  
Fold the hands meekly across the white breast,  
Christ who has died for us giveth us rest.  
Gone in her purity, fallen asleep,  
Death is eternal life, why should we weep?

Conflict all passed, the victory won,  
Beyond all the grief, eternity begun,  
Wearing the crown in holiness wreathed,  
All peace at last because she believed.  
Gone to that haven where peace ere shall reign,  
When time is no more we shall meet her again.  
Gone in her purity, fallen asleep,  
Death is eternal life, why should we weep?

Respectfully submitted,  
MARTHA H. LITTLE,  
Department Chaplain.

## Memorial Report of Department Chaplain

NAME OF CORPS.	No.	LOCATION.	Membership of Corps. No. of members taking part on Memorial Day.	Did Corps as a Body attend the Sabbath Memorial Services?	How many Soldiers' graves were decorated?	How many children took part?	What expense was incurred?
Delong.....	2	Auburn.....	34	Y	70	175	8
Gen Canby.....	3	Brazil.....	31	Y	100		
F. D. Matthews.....	4	Ellettsville.....	21	Y		70	
Shiloh Field.....	5	Elkhart.....	50	Y	75	200	6 75
Bachman.....	6	Madison.....	5	N		211	
Sion S. Bass.....	7	Fort Wayne.....	82	Y		407	16
James H. Emmet.....	8	Wabash.....	95	N	136	70	
Sanderson.....	9	New Albany.....	23	Y	3175	100	
Chapman.....	10	Indianapolis.....	93	Y	950	70	
Morton.....	11	Terre Haute.....	127	Y	540		
Jeffersonville.....	12	Jeffersonville.....	33	Y	159		
Sedgwick.....	13	Union City.....	35	Y	90	70	
Auten.....	14	South Bend.....	102	Y	336	247	16 50
Elmer.....	15	Elkhart.....	54	Y	85	100	11 00
Patton.....	16	La Porte.....	50	Y	235	100	4 00
Farragut.....	18	Evansville.....	76	Y	900	100	13 50
Gen. John A. Logan.....	19	North Manchester.....	59	N	53	75	
Geo. H. Thomas.....	20	Indianapolis.....	175	Y	1881	500	300 00
Altoona.....	21	Waterman.....	24	Y	45	70	1 00
Lookout Valley.....	22	Thorntown.....	16	Y	72	25	
Greencastle.....	23	Greencastle.....	35	Y	200	100	
Chaplain Brown.....	24	Valparaiso.....	39	Y	97	305	
Connersville.....	25	Connersville.....	30	Y	112		
Cicero.....	26	Cicero.....	22	Y	50	100	
Waterloo.....	27	Waterloo.....	23	Y	70	100	6 10
McPheters.....	28	Fredericksburgh.....	8	Y	75	75	
J. H. Dauseur.....	29	La Grange.....	35	Y	83	50	
Logansport.....	30	Logansport.....	54	Y	325	205	
Archer.....	31	Princeton.....	50	Y	211	200	
Howell.....	32	Goshen.....	29	N	132		1 70
E. T. Wood.....	33	Ridgeville.....	53	Y	65	240	
W. B. Reyburn.....	34	Peru.....	17	Y	203	200	10 00
Burnt Hickory.....	35	Fishers Station.....	30	Y	70	70	
Hardzog.....	36	Bremen.....	55	Y	25	70	37 00
B. J. Crosswaite.....	37	Angola.....	42	Y	357	300	4 00
Rensselaer.....	39	Rensselaer.....	56	Y	52	175	
Sam Henry.....	41	Decatur.....	35	Y	44	100	
James R. Slack.....	42	Huntington.....	37	Y	84		1 50
Joseph R. Gordon.....	43	Indianapolis.....	54	Y			
Maj. Robert Anderson.....	44	Indianapolis.....	90	Y	1000	75	5 25
Sol. Meredith.....	45	Richmond.....	129	Y	250	6	
Nelson Trusler.....	46	Winchester.....	72	Y	82	115	25
Capt William Lewis.....	47	Wheeling.....	15	Y	45	100	12 00
Deacon.....	48	New Carlisle.....	31	Y	69		
Chas. Case.....	52	Garrett.....	50	Y	18		
William Smith.....	54	Sheridan.....	38	Y	78	110	
Henry C. Coulter.....	57	Russiaville.....	23	Y	32	100	
Judson Kilpatrick.....	58	Fremont.....	13	Y	23		
George W. Stough.....	59	Columbia City.....	55	Y	55		
Duvall.....	60	Liberty.....	71	Y	50	75	72
W. S. Hancock.....	61	Veedersburg.....	20	Y	69	100	95
J. B. Mason.....	62	Knightstown.....	41	Y	130	50	



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Gen. Shunk	63	Marion	38	20	Yes	150		
Samuel H. Dunbar	64	Greenfield	26	12	Yes	107		25 00
John Ruess	67	Upland	32	20	No	60		
Joel Wolf	68	Rushville	48	21	Yes	160		6 00
Maj. May	70	Anderson	148	115	Yes	232	300	2 00
Fairfax	71	Westfield	40	25	Yes	46	30	
Lookout	72	Noblesville	138	100	Yes	130	50	3 30
McPherson	74	Crawfordsville	64	25	Yes	263		
Stephen J. Bailey	77	Portland	44	23	Yes	145		
James Price	78	Tipton	33					
Fahler	81	Star City	25	20	Yes	51	250	
Stone River	84	Frankfort	96	40	Yes	134	6	
Lew Dailey	87	Bluffton	48	25	Yes	240	25	
Ben. North	89	Rising Sun	30		Part	147	26	
Winchester	90	Gosport	17	17	Yes	51	25	
Mead	91	Butler	35	30	Yes	23		
Paul E. Slocum	92	Bloomington	40	19	Yes	145	100	2 00
John A. Platter	93	Aurora	50	25	Yes	144	42	
T. J. Harrison	94	Kokomo	75	35	Yes	156	34	78 00
Franklin	95	Hortonville	22	20	Yes	27	10	
Geo. W. Lennard	96	New Castle	84	32	Yes	125		2 50
Boothroyd	97	Delphi	28		No		300	
William A. Boyd	100	Dublin	15	12	Yes	73	16	
James C. Veatch	102	Rockport	23	23	Yes	108		3 00
Shively	103	Huntingburg	41	25	Yes	33		
Hiram G. Fisher	104	Lapel	34	25	Yes	38	35	8 50
Stillwell	105	Coffax	19	12	Yes	50		
Gettysburg	106	Spencer	22	22	Yes	116	150	
Erwin	107	Tangier	50	40	Yes	35	100	
Put Evans	108	Sharpsville	20	14	Yes	32	40	
McClung	110	Rochester	28	25	Yes	118	6	
Leaman Griffith	111	Hamilton	28	26	Yes	40	100	
Jesse S. Ogden	112	Danville	65	35	Yes	108		
"Pap" Thomas	113	Greensburg	63	44	Yes	213		1 00
George Miller	114	Windfall	18	18	Yes	44	175	
Leslie	115	Seelyville	18	18		75	10	
Frank Jones	116	Trenton	38	36	Yes	55	25	1 75
Elwood	117	Elwood	28	24	Yes			
Benton	120	Fowler	55	38	Yes	17	30	3 00
Joe Cook	121	Lynn	21	12	Yes	24	9	5 00
Jacob Stahl	124	Hartford City	90	54	Yes	67	67	
Rich Mountain	125	Lebanon	32	24	Yes	116	200	2 00
Goodland	126	Goodland	24	14	Yes	18	40	
George Wright	127	Clark's Hill	11	10	Yes	37	50	
Beeson	128	Fairmount	9	9	Yes	41	100	10
Carroll	129	Stockwell	9	9	No	75		
Martin	130	Westville	30	27	Yes	60	24	21 00
Geo. W. Rader	131	Middletown	58	30	Yes	85		1 25
Hugh H. Willits	132	Greentown	20	18	Yes	50		75
Bowman	134	Hagerstown	20	14	Yes	50	40	
E. C. Newland	135	Bedford	51	25	Yes	81	400	
Col. Robert Heath	136	Hammond	22	20	Yes	17	400	29 00





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Moses Herron	137	Farmland	38	18	Yes	46	\$	
Johnson	138	Montpelier	50	40	Yes	65	200	6 50
John Murray	140	Pierceton	10	16	Yes	53	50	
Marsh B. Taylor	142	Lafayette	45	12	Yes	100	400	
Magnolia	143	Jonesboro	14	14	Yes	54	75	5 00
Blinn	144	Prairieton	17	17	Yes	39	25	
Morgan	146	Petersburg	37	22	Yes	117	80	3 95
A. B. Wade	148	Chesterton	35	35	Yes	53	80	
Worden	149	Albion	25	25	Yes	65	60	
Samuel Stewart	150	Flora	12	8	Yes	62	40	
Cambridge City	151	Cambridge City	43	16	Yes	87	6	
Martin Rutter *	152	Pittsburg City	10	3	No	22	40	
Stansbury	154	Ligonier	35	17	Yes	62	70	
Frank Neff	155	Sullivan	45	20	Yes	80	70	
Samuel Reed	160	Salem	23	20	Yes	92	25	
Houghton	161	Mishawaka	40	10	Yes	106		5 00
Henry Chipman	162	Warsaw	39	20	Yes	130		75
Kosciusko	163	Warsaw	70	35	Yes	130		5 00
Jesse Coppock	166	Walkerton	39	32	Yes	92		5 00
George V. Rawson	166	Michigan City	48	40	Yes	155	700	
Phil H. Sheridan	168	Indianapolis	33	35	Yes	978	70	
William Cuppy	173	South Whitley	28	25	Yes	51	200	50 00
J. J. Burge	175	Prairie Creek	18	14	Yes	30	70	
Reed	177	Fulton	22	14	Yes	16	2	
Alexander Trimble	179	Redkey	22	14	Yes	14	2	
Capt. Floyd	180	Annapolis	26	20	Yes	46		5 50
Ellsworth	184	Seymour	50	14	Yes	145	125	
Steele	184	Rockville	50	40	Yes	71	94	1 50
Berlin	186	Nappanee	33	35	Yes	28	200	
Simon Miller	187	Akron	24	20	Yes	27	25	
M. D. Manson	191	Shoals	16	10	Yes	80	75	10 50
John A. Logan	191	Lafayette	25	4	Yes	70	2400	
Garfield	192	Boswell	19	18	Yes	7	200	
Joseph Bowen	193	North Liberty	23	21	Yes	27	75	
Frank Beitzell	194	Centerville	11	11	Yes	54	25	5 00
George Ridlen	194	Scottsburg	32	23	Yes	129	100	
C. C. Wheeler	198	Versailles	15	12	No	75	60	
Isham Keith	199	Columbus	43	28	Yes	175		5 00
Lew Taylor	200	Alexandria	18	13	Yes	26	150	2 45
Hambright	201	Arcadia	18	18	Yes	30	90	
Jacob L. Hoops	203	Macksville	25	8	Yes	47	12	
Nevins	205	Pontanet	21		No	34		
John A. Hollett	206	Brownstown	15	15	Yes	36	200	
Jesse Adams	206	New Haven	19	14	No	73	18	
S. C. Aldrich	210	Hudson	34	26	Yes	86	84	3 04
Harrow	212	Mt. Vernon	32	20	Yes	250	30	25 00
Morocco	214	Morocco	31	22	Yes	12	239	5 00
Robert Huff	215	Lawrenceburg	35	28	Yes	150	10	55 00
Blankenship	216	Martinsville	20	24	Yes	39		13 85
John P. Porter	219	Geneva	36	12	Yes	120	160	
Remington	220	Remington	46	28		16		
Shiloh	221	Newport	64	32	Yes	56	10	



## Memorial Report of Department Chaplain

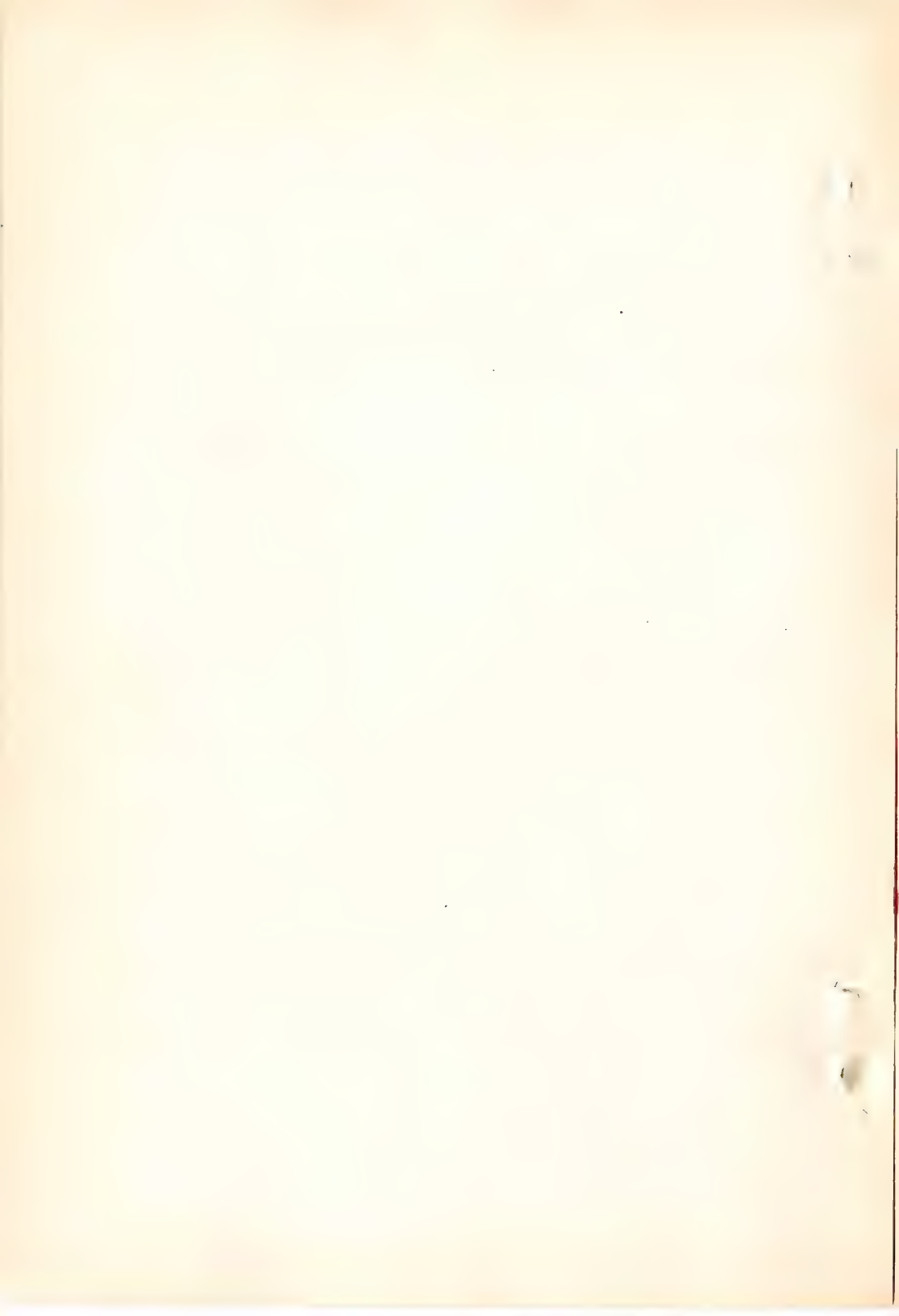
NAME OF CORPS.	No.	LOCATION.	Membership of Corps.		Did Corps as a Body attend the Sabbath Memorial Services?	How many Soldiers' graves were decorated?	How many children took part?	What expense was incurred?
			No. of members taking part on Memorial Day.	No. of members taking part on Memorial Day.				
T. R. Owens .....	222	Clinton .....	51	40	Yes	95	150	
Custer .....	224	Wakarusa .....	16	9	Yes	15	18	
Charles Porter .....	227	Hope .....	20	20	Yes	56		
James Gavin .....	228	St. Paul .....	23	14	Yes	84		
Gaskins .....	230	Farmersburg .....	48	25	Yes	41	60	
Thomas Ashby .....	231	Pittsboro .....	20	15	Yes	18	100	
Spicely .....	233	Orleans .....	24	16	Yes	73	40	
Total .....			6542	3932		24007	33317	719 91



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Were Refreshments provided for the Post?	Were Flowers provided for Post by Purchase or Contribution?	Was a Memorial prepared to "Unknown Dead?"	Money sent South.	To whom sent?	GENERAL REMARKS BY CORPS CHAPLAINS.
Yes	Con.	Yes			
No	Con.	Yes			
No	Con.	Yes			
No	Con.	Yes			
No	Con.	Yes			
No	Con.	Yes			
No	Con.	Yes			

44 00



# Report of Department Inspector.

SCOTTSBURG, IND., MAY, 14, 1900.

**LIZZIE W. BROWN, DEPARTMENT SECRETARY:**

In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit the following report.

The honor conferred upon me by the Department President was accepted with the full realization of the work. When preparing a list of Inspectors, very great precaution was used to select only those whom we thought were competent to perform this work in the proper manner. None were appointed but those personally known to the Department President or Inspector, or recommended by some reliable person.

Too much praise cannot be given those who so kindly accepted appointments, for the weary hardships through which they had to pass, while on their mission of love for our beloved Order.

Many weary miles of travel and hours of waiting, were endured with no other incentive, than the desire to benefit those they were to visit. Each Corps visited, received its Inspector with that kindness and courtesy characteristic of the noble women who are members of our Order, and we hope much good has been accomplished. In many instances, letters have been received by the Department Inspector, bearing testimony that the Inspectors were thorough in the performance of every duty, and that as a result of their visit the Corps had been inspired with new zeal to work for those who gave their best years to the service of their Country. This was indeed very gratifying to know that our efforts were being crowned with success.

Whole number of Corps inspected.....	176
Number of members in good standing.....	6702
Average attendance of officers.....	7
Average attendance of members including officers.....	14
Amount of money in Relief Fund.....	\$2,485 98

Amount expended for Relief.....	\$2,708 46
Value of Relief other than money.....	2,581 72
Amount of money turned over to Posts.....	1,416 81

## CORPS SPENDING MOST MONEY FOR RELIEF.

George H. Thomas. No. 20, Indianapolis.....	\$257 75
Williams, No. 119, Muncie.....	176 50
Farragut, No. 18, Evansville.....	162 43

## VALUE OF RELIEF OTHER THAN MONEY.

John P. Baird, No. 133, Terre Haute.....	\$300 00
"Pap" Thomas, No. 113, Greensburg.....	236 00
Lookout, No. 72, Noblesville.....	137 65

## CORPS GIVING GREATEST AMOUNT OF MONEY TO POSTS.

Auten, No. 14, South Bend.....	\$170 35
Major May, No. 70, Anderson.....	57 70
Boothroyd, No. 97, Delphi.....	50 00

I should like to call attention to the fact that it is obligatory upon Corps Presidents to forward quarterly Relief reports to Posts of which they are Auxilliary.

## THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION IS OFFERED.

That the Corps have stated meetings, instead of every two weeks, or alternate Saturdays, as the case may be.

I take this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging my appreciation of the valuable aid of the Assistant Department Inspectors, and thank them for their ready cheerful compliance with all of my wishes and suggestions. None but words of kindest import and true fraternal spirit, have come in my large correspondence, and many pleasant friendships have been formed through this medium, which will I trust, prove lasting and true.

To the Department Counselor and Department I & I Officer, and many other members of our beloved Order I am indebted for loving acts of kindness, and words of sympathy, during the severe trial through which I was compelled to pass recently, and may He who doeth all things well, ever keep you, one and all. And now Mrs. President, when we entered this work, we were comparatively speaking strangers, but I trust that the friendship thus formed, will be so cemented, that as long as life shall last, nothing may ever mar the beautiful tie that binds us close in the bonds of Love. For all kindness I thank you. To Department Secretary and Treasurer, I am indeed grateful for assistance rendered.

With best wishes for the success of our Order, I am

Respectfully in F. C. and L.

ETTA E. HOUK,  
Department Inspector.





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			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Norman Eddy.....	1	South Bend.....	52	45	9	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DeLong.....	2	Auburn.....	24	31	8	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Gen. Canby.....	3	Brazil.....	24	28	8	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
F. D. Matthews.....	4	Ellettsville.....	52	22	10	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Shiloh Field.....	5	Elkhart.....	48	64	12	30	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
A. O. Bachman.....	6	Madison.....	24	7	6	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sion S. Bass.....	7	Ft. Wayne.....	24	73	8	29	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Jas. H. Emmet.....	8	Wabash.....	26	93	11	35	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sanderson.....	9	New Albany.....	52	20	7	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geo. H. Chapman.....	10	Indianapolis.....	52	95	12	38	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Morton.....	11	Terre Haute.....	24	114	13	32	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Craig.....	12	Jeffersonville.....	52	27	7	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sedgwick.....	13	Union City.....	52	44	8	10	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Auten.....	14	South Bend.....	52	97	11	27	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Elmer.....	15	Elkhart.....	45	48	10	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patton.....	16	LaPorte.....	24	50	11	23	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Farragut.....	18	Evansville.....	24	86	12	23	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gen. John A. Logan.....	19	North Manchester.....	43	47	9	25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geo. H. Thomas.....	20	Indianapolis.....	24	172	12	48	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Altoona.....	21	Waterman.....	24	35	10	20	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Lookout Valley.....	22	Thorntown.....	24	14	5	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Greencastle.....	23	Greencastle.....	22	32	9	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chaplain Brown.....	24	Valparaiso.....	24	41	10	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Connersville.....	25	Connersville.....	21	30	9	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cicero.....	26	Cicero.....	26	26	7	10	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Waterloo.....	27	Waterloo.....	26	27	8	11	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
McPheeters.....	28	Fredericksburg.....	24	8	5	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J. H. Dansuer.....	29	La Grange.....	52	33	11	18	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Logansport.....	30	Logansport.....	24	55	8	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Archer.....	31	Princeton.....	20	42	8	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Howell.....	32	Goshen.....	37	22	7	9	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E. S. Wood.....	33	Ridgeville.....	24	35	6	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
W. B. Reyburn.....	34	Peru.....	24	16	7	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Burnt Hickory.....	35	isher's Station.....	24	31	8	15	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Hardzog.....	36	Bremen.....	24	54	11	19	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
B. J. Crosswaite.....	37	Angola.....	26	33	10	18	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Frederick Penny.....	38	Jeffersonville.....	24	24	5	10	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rensselaer.....	39	Rensselaer.....	52	42	8	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John F. Ruckle.....	40	Indianapolis.....	24	37	9	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	1	2	3	4
1 00	1 00	3 76	4 06	4 00	5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18 75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	22 00	9 23			Yes	No	Yes	No		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	53 93	16 87	15 00	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Part	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	13 25	1 33			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	27 75	31 76	35 50	5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10 00	Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 20	17 11	6 02		9 00	Yes	No	Yes	No		No	No	No	No
1 00	1 00	174 98	50 99	18 21	15 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	160 03	17 06	31 78	15 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	5 28	3 67	1 00	23 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	48 81	59 94	42 50	88 60	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	19 62	132 61	47 38	1 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	40 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	4 30		15 00	67 75	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	No	No
1 00	1 00	10 34	10 34	7 66		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	22 97	162 12	39 57	83 35	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	170 35	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	68 44	10 03	12 28	40 00	Yes	Yes	No	No	20 60	Part	No	Yes	Part
1 00	1 00	75 20	23 64	26 74	96 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	420 96		162 43	49 15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	5 24	96 03	19 05		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	75 51	34 54	257 75	104 80	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	15 00	7 40	50	5 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	8 60	Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	13 92	1 81	1 00	8 00	Yes	No	Yes	No		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	14 96	20 69	17 12	14 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20 00	Part	Part	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	28 09	18 75	48 63	25 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	52 44	12 38	8 14	6 32	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	60		9 00	22 40		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No			
1 00	1 00	18 65	10 43	6 15	3 00	No	Yes	No	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
50	60	4 33		1 00		Yes	No	Yes	No		No	No	No	Yes
1 00	1 00	7 50	53 30	13 00	25 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	40 90	40 26	15 95	37 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Part	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	141 02	28 19	20 04	6 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	41 23	16 00	4 91	6 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Part	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	24 00	15 13	10 00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10 00	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	43 00	3 63	6 23	5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	44 15	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	80		4 17	16 15		Yes	No	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	No
1 00	60	67 76	23 71			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	45 72	8 48	2 00		Yes	No	No	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 40	1 00	75	4 00	15 00	No	Yes	Yes	No	24 00	No	No	No	No
1 00	1 00	3 76	26 09			Yes	Yes	No	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	3 37	1 53	7 00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10 00	No	No	Yes	Yes



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			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sam Henry.....	41	Decatur.....	24	29	6	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jas. R. Slack.....	42	Huntington.....	24	32	12	19	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joseph R. Gordon.....	43	Indianapolis.....	24	53	12	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maj. R. Anderson.....	44	Indianapolis.....	24	87	11	41	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sol Meredith.....	45	Richmond.....	51	107	11	40	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nelson Trusler.....	46	Winchester.....	52	81	11	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Capt. Wm. Lewis.....	47	Weeeling.....									
Deacon.....	48	New Carlisle.....	24	31	6	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dumont.....	51	Shelbyville.....	24	72	11	32	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Charles Case.....	52	Garrett.....	42	19	7	8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wm. Smith.....	54	Sheridan.....	26	43	7	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
H. C. Coulter.....	57	Russiaville.....	26	24	9	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Judson Kilpatrick.....	58	Fremont.....	24	17	5	7	No	Yes	No	No	No
Geo. W. Stough.....	59	Columbia City.....	28	57	10	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Duvall.....	60	Liberty.....	24	67	7	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
W. S. Hancock.....	61	Veedersburg.....	24	21	9	9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J. P. Mason.....	62	Knightstown.....	24	35	8	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gen. Shunk.....	63	Marion.....	24	41			Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Saml. H. Dunbar.....	64	Greenfield.....	33	19	7	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Ruess.....	67	Upland.....									
Joel Wolfe.....	68	Rushville.....	24	48	7	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Lient. Yakey.....	69	Linton.....	24	26	10	18	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Major May.....	70	Anderson.....	24	137	8	60	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fairfax.....	71	Westfield.....	24	31	10	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lookout.....	72	Noblesville.....	24	139	11	39	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McPherson.....	74	Crawfordsville.....	12	50	10	24	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stephen Bailey.....	77	Portland.....	24	40	11	35	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jas. Price.....	78	Tipton.....	24	36	5	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Fahler.....	81	Star City.....	24	34	6	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Wheeler.....	83	Crown Point.....	24	24	5	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stone River.....	84	Frankfort.....	21	98	9	35	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Lew Daily.....	87	Bluffton.....	24	53	10	20	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Roann.....	88	Roann.....	52	35	10	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ben North.....	89	Rising Sun.....	24	28	6	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Winchester.....	90	Gosport.....	24	13	7	8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meade.....	91	Butler.....	24	43	10	15	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Paul E. Slocum.....	92	Bloomington.....	24	42	10	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John A. Platter.....	93	Aurora.....	24	52	8	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
T. J. Harrison.....	94	Kokomo.....	22	75	10	16	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No



OF THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	1	2	3	4
1 00	80	21 91	7 66	10 50	15 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	7 95	4 16	17 52	21 02	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6 25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	22 43	10 13	66 41	40 05	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	30 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	35 69	28 09	49 23	26 03	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	16 35		135 69	42 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	88 40	80 00	89 00	5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	11 21	3 50	16 09	1 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	32 86	27 75	12 75	32 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	20 00	Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	14 79			5 00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	9 05	10 35			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	7 15	2 49	3 80	15 85	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	10 27	6 56			Yes	Yes	Yes	No		No	No	No	No
1 00	1 00	87 81	10 15	10 58	33 80	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00		6 84	1 00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00		2 07		5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No	No	No
1 00	60	44 70	2 30	10 45		Yes	No	Yes	Yes	37 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00		50 16	65 26	42 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	16 67	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	17 07	25 53	11 00	44 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	11 53	25 57	36 97	17 05	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	30 37	15 16	5 00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	198 91	26 78	18 32	4 55	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	57 70	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00		8 15	2 75			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	80	85 36	25 88	67 17	137 65	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	61 65	46 75	10 50	6 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	15 39	15 16	3 00	22 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	34 38	10 00	4 70	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	40	4 76	1 69	6 50		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 00	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	13 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	8 00	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	53 29	35 07	37 26	50 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	24 11	2 04	5 89	11 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	8 53	15 00	7 00	5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	8 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	13 32	7 77	62 67	4 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	6 71	4 04			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	15 29	2 81	4 50	2 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	669 22	31 50	5 50	7 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	8 65	4 34	23 13	20 00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	107 38	29 51	39 04	10 70	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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			1	2								
Franklin	95	Hortonville	24	31	8	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geo. W. Leonard	96	New Castle	24	61	8	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boothroyd	97	Delphi	20	20	5	8	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Oliver Short	98	Rossville	18	10	4	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Wm. A. Boyd	100	Dublin	24	18	7	12	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jas. C. Veatch	102	Rockport	11	20	8	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shively	103	Huntingburg	18	40	10	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hiram G. Fisher	104	Lapel	24	33			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stillwell	105	Colfax	24	19	5	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Gettysburg	106	Spencer	24	16	9	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Erwin	107	Tangier	24	52	10	30	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Put Evans	108	Sharpsville	24	20	7	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
McClung	110	Rochester										
Leamon Griffith	111	Hamilton	27	25	11	15	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Jesse S. Ogden	112	Danville	24	64	7	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
"Pap" Thomas	113	Greensburg	24	61	12	30	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geo. Miller	114	Windfall	52	20	6	8	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Leslie	115	Seeleyville	24	22	8	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Frank Jones	116	Trenton	24	39	11	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Elwood	117	Elwood	24	26	8	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Martin R. Delaney	118	Indianapolis	40	37	7	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Williams	119	Muncie	24	45	9	25	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Benton	120	Fowler	26	53	8	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Joe Cook	121	Lynn	52	17	8	8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John F. Grill	122	Evansville										
Jacob Stahl	124	Hartford City	24	89	9	22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rich Mountain	125	Lebanon	24	33	10	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Goodland	126	Goodland	24	24	5	7	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Geo. Wright	127	Clark's Hill	24	11	5	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Beeson	128	Fairmount	24	9	5	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Carroll	129	Stockwell	24	6	5	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Martin	130	Westville	24	35	6	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geo. W. Rader	131	Middletown	24	59	9	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hugh H. Willets	132	Greentown	24	24	10	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John P. Baird	133	Terre Haute	24	122	13	40	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bowman	134	Hagerstown	24	21	7	9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E. C. Newland	135	Bedford	24	50	8	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Col. Robt. Heath	136	Hammond	24	24	5	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Moses Herron	137	Farmland	24	37	10	25	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



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10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	1	2	3	4
1 00	60	14 56	3 30		40 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	35 63	5 75	7 50		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	22	3 50	6 50	8 95	No	No	Yes	No	50 00	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	8 45	2 00		2 00	No	No	Yes	Yes	10 00	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	14 18			4 00	No	No	Yes	Yes	18 45	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	9 18	7 80			No	Yes	Yes	No		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	7 98	1 33		40 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	35 00	15 00	3 00	45 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	40	3 78	11 63			Yes	Yes	Yes	No		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	6 36	11 85			Yes	Yes	Yes	No	5 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	37 55	5 00	6 55	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	4 97	1 86	2 00	25 00	No	No	Yes	No	3 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	17		7 02		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	7 02	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	1 83	36 26	32 00	23 04	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	107 87	4 00	22 77	236 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	50	9 14	1 00		5 00	No	Yes	No	Yes				Yes	No
1 00	1 00	4 87	5 80	7 50	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00		16 40	1 25		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	16 37	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	12 51	3 21	7 50		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Fair	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	18 52	5 04	20 00	20 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Part	No	Yes
1 00	1 00	79 00	64 32	176 50		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	58	16 50	5 00	9 75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	10 18	8 00	4 50	3 75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	67 45	7 87	6 35	40 35	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	14 16	4 50	75	2 00	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	20 00	Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	24 62	2 25			No	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Part	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	1 13	1 48	1 11	50	Yes	No	Yes	Yes					
1 00	1 00	11 43	3 40	2 25	1 50	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No	No	No
1 00	60	6 15	7 70	4 00	3 00	Yes	No	Yes	No	8 00	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	20 36	5 00	30 00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	80		10 00	1 12	5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	50	19 26	6 78	2 00		No	No	Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	13 59	44 36	12 91	300 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	80	8 42	51 31	1 00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	14 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00			25 00	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	25 03	11			Yes	Yes	Yes	No	38 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	41 19	6 07	10 00	5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10 00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

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			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Johnson	138	Montpelier	24	59	10	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Murray	140	Pierceton	25	24	7	9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marsh B. Taylor	142	Lafayette	24	44	11	22	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Magnolia	143	Jonesboro	24	33	7	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Blinn	144	Prairieton	24	24	8	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Morgan	146	Petersburg	50	37	6	16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
A. B. Wade	148	Chesterton	24	29	7	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Worden	149	Albion	26	47	9	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saml. Stewart	150	Flora									
Cambridge City	151	Cambridge City	24	37	9	16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coal City	153	Coal City									
Stansbury	154	Ligonier	24	37	8	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Frank Neff	155	Sullivan	24	39	7	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
A. L. Sayford	159	Daleville	24	19	5	8	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Samuel Reed	160	Salem	24	23	6	9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Houghton	161	Mishawaka	15	20	7	9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Henry Chipman	162	Warsaw	24	37	8	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kosciusko	163	Warsaw	24	68	8	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jesse Coppock	165	Walkerton	47	38	8	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geo. V. Rawson	166	Michigan City	24	53	11	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Wm. Landon	167	Knox	13	12	5	8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phil H. Sheridan	168	Indianapolis	24	34	10	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wm. Cuppy	173	South Whitley									
J. J. Burge	175	Prairie Creek	24	20	5	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reed	177	Fulton									
Alexander Trimble	179	Red Key	52	21	3	5	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Capt. Floyd	180	Annapolis	24	24	9	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Martin Rutter	182	Pittsburg	15	10	6	6	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Ellsworth	183	Seymour	24	25	8	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Steele	184	Rockville	12	50	8	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Berlin	186	Nappanee	23	43	9	16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Simon Miller	187	Akron									
M. D. Manson	188	Shoals	12	15	8	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Chas. W. Heath	190	East Enterprise									
John A. Logan	191	Lafayette	24	27	6	9	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Garfield	192	Boswell	24	14	7	7	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Joseph Bowen	193	North Liberty	18	23	9	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Frank Beitzell	194	Centerville	52	25	10	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Geo Ridlen	195	Scotsburg	24	30	7	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



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10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	1	2	3	4
1 00	1 00	27 28	9 82	8 46	21 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	29 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	11 73	8 72	7 75	1 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	9 00	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	60 96	34 54	15 70	30 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	38 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	6 79	5 34	2 35	1 75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	16 00	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	29 28	6 42	15 00	8 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6 00	Part	Part	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	66 37	17 75	4 75		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	11 04	4 46	30 00	67 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	2 18	14 26	16 20	15 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12 00	Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	154 01	7 78	29 92		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	24 75	20 05	20 00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	30 00	Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	7 80	21 49			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	80	1 64	2 88	50	20 62	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	6 00	No		Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	59 00	35	7 00	3 75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	6 66	7 04	9 80		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	11 22	23 56	14 20	25 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	127 86	10 26	14 05	12 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	34 37	12 28	17 55	8 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	94 01	26 62	4 00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	1 16	15 06	8 72	26 00	No	Yes	No	No		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	41 04	25 55	23 05	43 75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25 63	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	20 44	4 60	80 00	5 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes					
1 00	1 00	1 85	2 70	4 00	5 00	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	30 00	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	80	11 33	1 06	5 50	3 65	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 55	No		Yes	Yes
50	60	2 34	1 40	3 00		No	Yes	Yes	No					
1 00	1 00	8 50	1 70	1 30	4 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	10 00	21	15 00	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	26 42	32 56	13 25	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	61 02	7 78	4 25	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	4 50	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	20 75	11 03	10 00	25 00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	20 00	No	Yes	Yes	No
1 00	1 00	3 06				Yes	Yes	No	Yes	10 00	No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	10 77	65	2 85		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	24 25	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	53 06	9 40	13 58	9 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	4 03		2 50		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Part	Yes	Yes

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			1	2	3							
Alvin P. Hovey	196	West Indianapolis	26	24	8	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C. C. Wheeler	198	Versailles	12	15	4	6	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Isham Keith	199	Columbus	24	42	11	24	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lew Taylor	200	Alexander	20	15	7	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hambricht	201	Arcadia	24	15	5	10	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jacob L. Hoops	203	Maxville	12	15	8	13	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Nevins	205	Fountanet	10	21	7	11	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
John A. Hollett	206	Brownsburg	23	20	10	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jesse Adams	209	New Haven	24	19	6	13	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
S. C. Aldrich	210	Hudson	52	25	8	13	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Tom Green	211	Ashley	2	7			Yes	Yes	No			
Harrow	212	Mt. Vernon	45	33	10	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nelson	213	Kendallville	19	21	7	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Morocco	214	Morocco	17	19	8	10	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Robert Huff	215	Lawrenceburg	24	37	10	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Blankenship	216	Martinsville	52	29	7	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
John P. Porter	219	Geneva	24	26	10		Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Remington	220	Remington	24	45	7	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shiloh	221	Newport	24	51	8	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
T. R. Owens	222	Clinton	24	54	10	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joseph Landis	223	Grantsburg										
Custer	224	Wakarusa	52	16	5	8	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wm. McGinnis	225	Roanoke	24	30	12	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jas. Clem	226	Burr Oak	44	19	7	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chas. Porter	227	Hope	24	19	7	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Jas. Gavin	228	St Paul	24	17	8	10	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Jeff. C. Davis	229	Vincennes										
Gaskins	230	Farmersburg										
Thos. Ashby	231	Pittsboro	12	20	10	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lookout Mountain	232	Gaston										
Spicely	233	Orleans	24	19	8	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Silvers	234	New Lebanon	18	15	5	7	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lincoln	235	Terre Haute	4	21	10	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Simonson	236	Churubusco	26	30	6	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	1	2	3	4
1 00	1 00	14 71	5 18	4 25	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00		8 02	16 79	3 25	No	Yes	No	No	7 55	No	No	No	No
1 00	1 00	27 90	14 83	7 50	11 33	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	2 90	3 73		2 50	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	No	Yes
1 00	60	1 00	2 50	4 50		Yes	Yes	No	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	1 67	2 60	5 00	50	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 50	No	No	No	No
1 00	60	20 29	56	8 00	2 75	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No	No	No
1 00	1 00	9 29	4 50		20 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	8 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	50	20 63	1 50			No	Yes	Yes	No		No	No	Yes	Fair
1 00	1 00	7 63	3 03	10 64		Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00							Yes	No	No					
1 00	1 00	35 17	53 30	50		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	18 00	8 12			No	No	Yes	No	15 00	Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	10 50	5 00			No	Yes	Yes	No	2 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 10	1 00	12 29	4 65	18 25	15 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		Part	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	23 60	20 00			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15 00	Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	50	3 38	3 38	25	5 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	23 00	13 52	1 87	3 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	40	15 38	2 10			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25 00	Part	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	60	71 35	2 90	16 35	7 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	30 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	2 35	3 43		5 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Part	No	Yes	Yes
1 00	1 00	27 23	18 89	10 25	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	8 00				
1 00	1 00	6 00	3 00	2 00		No	Yes	No	Yes		No	No	No	No
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## Report of Department Counselor.

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OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR, NOBLESVILLE, IND.

**LIZZIE W. BROWN, DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, W. R. C. :**

Madam:—As required by rules and regulations I herewith present my report as Department Counselor.

Another year is gone; like the raindrop fallen into the ocean it has disappeared. Days of trial; days of pleasure, all have been swept down the rapid stream of time to strengthen and add to the excellent results already gained.

The reports will record the events great and small that have passed during its course and will prove the good work accomplished by the Department officers adding another round to the structure we are building in Indiana, whose lofty heights and solid foundation cannot be shaken by evil winds nor dashed to pieces by traitorous hands.

The laws governing our order are very clear and comprehensive as well as just, protecting both officers and members alike. These laws should be carefully studied by those who are placed in positions of responsibility, and if strictly adhered to as they should be, no cause for disturbances or discord need arise. Contentions usually are caused by members that desire to rule in defiance of law and order.

The laws are made for our government, and to be respected by the learned as well as the unlearned; but it is a noticeable fact that those learned in the law are the transgressors.

While I have had the proud honor of being the Department Counselor, and Legal Advisor, I am happy to state that the efficiency and wisdom of the Department President have enabled her to adjust all differences so wisely that my services have rarely been in demand. It should be better understood that all questions should be sent direct to the Department President. While the Counselor is the legal advisor of the President she has no authority to render a decision and no opinion of the Counselors



can become a decision until it receives the endorsement of the President. In most cases when Corps or Corps members have sent questions in this irregular way, I have forwarded them to the Department President. The questions that have come to the Department Headquarters have been as innumerable as the sands of the sea, many of them important and necessary; yet the solution of nearly all could be found by reference to "Rules and Regulations," and decisions of the National Conventions. The amount of patience and untiring thought required to solve these problems and to carefully guard the interests of the Corps is not appreciated comprising as it does the greater part of the official burden. The frequent letters received from the Department President have kept me in close and constant touch with the interests of the order throughout the entire year.

My sincere thanks are due to the President for the confidence reposed in me, but my sense of appreciation did not hide from view the weight of responsibilities which accompanied the honor and it has been my careful study to so consider every point referred to me that my Counsel might cause no regret and only tend to help in the success of the Administration.

In response to questions the following general opinions were rendered:

1. If any Inspector has not completed her work before the year closes, and the new officers are installed, can she do so afterwards?

Opinion: No, an Inspector should not proceed with the work after the allotted time has expired, unless granted an extension of time. Corps cannot be inspected after the close of the year, and must be so reported.

Second Question:

Can the newly elected Corps officers be installed before Jan. 1st?

Opinion: No, they would not be legally qualified. The Department President cannot issue dispensations fixing time for installation of Corps officers, unless it may be in cases where a Corps has failed to install its officers or make provisions therefor within the time prescribed by Rules and Regulations.

Third Question:

The Junior Vice President elected was not present the day of installation. The President not having any authority to do so, had another lady installed in her place. Can she legally hold the office?

Opinion: No, vacancies in elective offices cannot be filled by the President, but must be regularly elected by the Corps. She cannot legally hold the office until she is properly elected and installed. In such case the Junior Vice of last year could hold over until such election.

Fourth Question:

Can a Corps elect a member to the office of President in her absence, she being at home sick?

Opinion: Yes, if you have her consent to serve if elected.

Fifth Question:

Can the Department buy the membership badges of disbanded Corps when the members do not want transfer cards?

Opinion: No, when the Corps is about to disband, the Corps by a unanimous vote may buy the badges of the members before turning over their funds; but after the supplies and funds have been turned over to the Post or Department no bills can be collected; the Corps has ceased to exist and supplies revert to the Department.

Sixth Question:

In making the entry on loan dividend, shall it go under the head of "Cash Received", or "Cash Expended"? This question was not very clear.

Opinion: All moneys paid into the Treasury from any source is "Cash Received", and all moneys paid out of the Treasury is "Cash Expended", and should be so credited.

Seventh Question:

Should not an Auditing Committee have full possession of the books instead of only being furnished figures when auditing the books?

Opinion: Yes, the Auditing Committee shall examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer and other officers and affix their signature thereto.

Eighth Question:

Shall not the Treasurer have a voucher from the Secretary for everything entered under the head of expenses?

Opinion: The Treasurer should disburse no money except upon regularly drawn orders signed by the Secretary and approved by the President

Ninth Question:

Is it legal to have the retiring President to act as installing officer?

Opinion: Yes, legal but not advisable, as the wording of the Installation Service would certainly make it very awkward.

Tenth Question:

Shall a member dropped for the non-payment of dues receive payment for her badge upon returning it to the Corps?

Opinions:

No, members leaving the order must return their badges. By her own negligence she has ceased to be a member, therefore forfeits all claims upon the order.

Eleventh Question:

Can a member holding a valid transfer card attend the District Con-

ventions?

Opinion: Yes, a member holding a valid transfer card is a member of the order and has all the privileges of a visitor in any Corps meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, in F. C. L.

MELISSA CAYLOR, Department Counselor.

## Report of Department Instituting and Installing Officer.

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SCOTTSBURG, IND., May 10, 1900.

**LIZZIE W. BROWN, DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, W. R. C.:**

In compliance with the rules of our Order, I have the pleasure to present to this Convention the report of the work of the I & I. O. for the year ending, May 16, 1900:

Corps instituted during the year are as follows:

1. Simonson Corps, \$236, of Churubusco, was instituted Aug. 26, 1893, by Jennie H. Collins, with 26 Charter members.
2. Summers Corps, \$237, of Converss, instituted March 22nd, 1900, by Margaret R. Vail, with 10 Charter members.
3. Major Henry Corps, \$238, of Pendleton, instituted May 5, 1900, by Lola Calvert, with 30 Charter members.
- 3 Fred Small Corps, \$239, of Westport, instituted March 27th, 1900, by Eliza J. Crisler, with 12 Charter members.

John C. Fremont Corps, \$240, of Covington, instituted April 4th, by Mary D. Travis, with 43 Charter members.

Out of 188 corps, one hundred and forty have sent in their election returns to me. One hundred corps report Joint installation with Post, public, Seventy public, and twenty private installations. The installation reports as a rule were concise and complete. As soon as possible after assuming the duties of my office I sent out circular and private letters to every post in the Department where no corps existed. There are 270 Posts in Indiana with no auxillary and I have used by best endeavors to secure the organization of Corps, but my efforts have not been crowned with any great success, but I trust some seed has been sown that will mature in future years. My work has been very pleasant and the greater number of Posts throughout the Department have received two communications from my office, but very few have replied. Our membership gained from the new Corps is not what I would like to have reported, yet



I am truly grateful for the interest that has been manifested throughout the corps, and that we have been able to add to our chain a few bright links, and I trust the time will come when there will be no Post without an auxillary. And now Mrs. President in conclusion, I desire to thank you for the honor conferred upon me one year ago, and also to thank the Department Officers for their kind assistance and co-operation throughout the year, and may the friendships formed during this administration be of long duration.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

LOLA CALVERT,

Department I. & I. O.

## Report of Patriotic Instructor.

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GREENSBURG, IND., May 17, 1900.

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention:

When almost a year ago I was entrusted with one of the most important branches of our work. I realized the responsibility devolving upon me, and have endeavored to perform the duties of the position to the best of my ability. While I did not succeed in accomplishing all I had hoped, I feel much has been done and a good foundation laid for the coming year.

There never was a time in the history of our country when patriotism was so popular as now. The Spanish American war has aroused all the latent patriotism of the American people, both old and young. And I do not think it sacrilegious to say, "The harvest is plentiful", and if every Corps will send forth laborers, many sheaves will be added to our garner, which, like the mustard seed will become a "mighty tree" and its branches will spread all over the length and breadth of our beloved land.

The American Flag Manufacturing Company, of Easton, Pennsylvania, furnished me with patriotic literature consisting of Rituals for Teaching Patriotism in our Public Schools; The American Patriotic Salute; Tableaux of States; Program and Literature for the celebration of Washington's birthday. Believing it to be the proper way to reach the teachers is through the County Superintendents, with the approval of the Department President I attended their meeting at Indianapolis; and after a short talk in which I explained the work and objects of the Woman's Relief Corps, what we had done, and what we yet hoped to accomplish with their assistance, the literature was distributed to each Superintendent for his teachers.

Early in the year I issued blanks somewhat similar to those provided

for the Assistant Patriotic Instruction; of these I sent one to each Superintendent, and through the liberality of Captain Wallace Foster, I was enabled to enclose a Patriotic Primer with each.

The reports received are very encouraging and show that we have their hearty co-operation. In answer to the question "How to advance the work of Patriotic Instruction", one Superintendent says "The circulation of such literature as I received from your Department at the State meeting of county Superintendents"; another says, "I am going to make more of an effort next year to have more flags above my school houses, and observe the flag salute" while another says, "The proper teaching of history that pupils may appreciate the sacrifice of men for the support of the principles of freedom."

Thus could I go on with dozens of quotations but give these three as a fair sample of the suggestions; more than fifty percent do not approve of the histories in use in our public schools.

I also issued a circular letter in which I explained the duties of Corps Patriotic Committees and Assistant Instructors. These, I am sorry to say have not been adhered to very closely; of the 188 Corps in our Department only 72 reported, and had I not the reports from the County Superintendents, Indiana would not make the creditable showing to which she is entitled so far as reports go. One District, having 22 Corps, only three reported; in District Number 12 every Corps reported, but Mrs. Ross wrote to some three times before receiving them.

Lookout Corps Number 72, Noblesville, reports eleven silk flags purchased for school rooms. "Pap" Thomas 113, Greensburg, 13 Declaration of Independence Charts for the Township schools and ten dollars expended towards framing them. Our township trustee, C. C. Lowe, has placed in each of his schools a picture of Betsey Ross making the first American Flag. I am confident there has been much good work done which has not been reported.

The following is a brief summary of the most important statistics gleaned from the blanks sent out.

Schools reported.....	7,104
Schools hoisting flag.....	3,904
Schools in which patriotism is taught.....	5,929
School-rooms having a flag.....	5,561
School-rooms in which the flag salute is given.....	5,327
Children giving the flag salute.....	207,162
School-rooms supplied with Declaration of Independence chart.....	798
Schools in which legal holidays are observed.....	6,818

I feel deeply indebted to my assistants, to the American Flag Manufacturing Company, Captain Wallace Foster, and to the County Super-

intendents for assistants rendered, and extend to them my sincere thanks.

And to you Mrs. President do I especially extend my thanks for the honor conferred upon and confidence reposed in me. Although there have been discouragements to meet, and annoyances with which to contend, there has been much that was encouraging and pleasant, and I have been brought in closer touch with the work and my former calling, and trust my efforts will redound to the honor of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Respectfully Submitted, in F. C. & L.,

ELIZA J. CRISLER,

Department Patriotic Instructor.



## Report of Committee to Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 16, 1900.

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Seventeenth Department Convention:

The Committee appointed to look after the interests of the Soldiers' Orphans at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Knightstown, Indiana, have the honor to submit the following report:

June 29, 1899, Laura S. Burr and Lou S. Havens attended the graduating exercises at the Home. There were twenty-six in the class, fifteen girls and eleven boys. Each one performed their part well, giving the large audience a pleasant and profitable morning's entertainment. The Band Concert at 2:30 P. M. was very fine. The school system of the Home is a marvel,

Satisfactory work is being done in the Departments of music, stenography, typewriting and domestic economy. Among the departments worthy of special mention are the farm, garden, tailoring, sewing, dairy, engraving, printing, carpenter, baker, florist and shoer. The hospital was in fine condition, only two were sick.

The second visit was made Oct. 12th to perfect the arrangements for the Christmas work. Mrs. Burr and Mrs. Havens were assisted by our Department president and Etta Houk.

October 13th they went to Indianapolis and at once proceeded to Kipp Bros. to purchase the Christmas presents, among the presents were 28 Bibles, 58 books, 24 Senior and 12 Junior Christian Endeavor pins, with toys of every kind to please the children. They bought one hundred and eight dolls, which were beautifully dressed by the Indianapolis Corps. Harrow W. R. C. 212 of Mount Vernon donated seventy six beautifully dressed dolls.

We wish to thank the ladies of Indianapolis and Mount Vernon for

their assistance in this beautiful work. The dry-goods were bought of Murphy, Hibben & Co.

Sickness prevented Mrs. Burr from accompanying the Department President and Mrs. Havens when they went to the Home Dec. 22nd to distribute the presents. They were assisted by the officers and teachers at the Home, and we wish especially to thank them for the courtesy and help the committee received from them at each visit.

It was indeed a grand sight to see the 640 children march into dinner Christmas day, keeping time to the music of the home band, which was placed in the center of the dining hall. The tables were beautifully decorated with holly and evergreens.

When the list of presents to be purchased for the Indiana School for Feeble Minded children at Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sent to the chairman of your committee she was unable to attend to the work. Thanks are due Agnes Hitt for the very efficient manner in which this work was performed.

In addition to the presents purchased in Indianapolis some of the dolls donated by Harrow W. R. C. of Mount Vernon were sent to Fort Wayne.

Three of these dolls were for girls aged 23, 27, and 29.

Mrs. President we thank you for the honor bestowed upon us, and for your assistance in the beautiful work of love and we hope that our report will meet with your approval.

Respectfully Submitted, in F. C. & L.,

REBECCA SULGROVE,

LAURA S. BURR,

LOU S. HAVENS.

I am indebted to the Department President, Mrs. Schlater; Mrs. Burr and Mrs. Havens for the material for this report.

I want to thank the Department Officers and all of my friends of the Womans' Relief Corps for their loving help to me this past year.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

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Mrs. President and Members of the Convention: We are pleased to submit the following report:

The books of Department Secretary and Treasurer were carefully examined at the close of the quarter ending June 30th, September 30th, 1899; December 31st and March 31st, 1900 respectively, and supplemental report for April, 1900.

We have found the books at each time perfectly correct and models of neatness. Showing the duties of Department Secretary and Treasurer have been thoroughly understood by both officers.

Our visits to Department Headquarters have been pleasant ones, and the friendships thus formed will be lasting.

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## Report of Delegate-at-Large.

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ANDERSON, IND., May 16, 1900.

**LIZZIE W. BROWN, DEPARTMENT SECRETARY:**

Philadelphia; that City of so much Historic Interest and so many Sacred Institutions ; "City of Brotherly Love", of Motherly Love, this town is the mother of the most beautiful flag that floats in the breeze; it is also the mother of an old bell that still rings true all over the world, and again, yes it is the mother of the Declaration of Independence and thousands of patriots.

With such a mothers' welcome it was one continuous ovation, on Tuesday the most magnificent parade of 60,000 comrades passing; never before such a welcome, never again such a display; today is the climax in the history of the organization of the "Grand Army of the Republic". Such was the greeting of President McKinley.

It was patriotism, noiseful, colorful, and impressive of the History and grandeur of the Republic, the scenes can never be repeated.

Illinois was given the position of honor, for there was the origin of the organization, "Grand Army". This great Western state was represented by 1000 men in line, it seemed like a beginning without an ending, before the first column swung into view, the voices of 4000 school children swelled into song like so many birds, they were banked on the East side of City Hall and grouped so that in large letters "G. A. R." stood out like a piece of land-scape gardening a "living picture."

The bands and bugles were never silent for six hours, it seemed as though not one band had stayed at home the country over, but I could dwell on this mammoth parade for days, it is food for thought for time to come.

Tuesday night there were four Department receptions in Continental hotel alone.

Wednesday, September 6th, 9:30 A.M. the Seventeenth National Convention of Woman's Relief Corps met in Witherspoon Hall which was

handsomely decorated for the occasion and a large bouquet of red and white roses on Presidents stand and at back of platform was the National Relief Corps Banner, and Indiana furnished the beautiful white satin one, on which is printed in plain letters "One country, One Language and One Flag."

There was grouped about the President on the platform all her National Staff with the exception of Patriotic Instructor Mrs. Hartwell, of California, unable because of illness to attend. Mrs. Flo Jamison-Miller, National President, is conceded to be one of the best presiding officers to ever handle the gavel.

Convention opened with six hundred present, those entitled to vote, 379, of which Indiana had 15. The next interesting feature was an unexpected visit by Miss Clara Barton, who is one of two Honorary Members of the W. R. C., the other being Past Commander in chief, Paul Vander-vort, who is known as "Sister Paulina."

After introducing her Staff Officers, Mrs. Miller read her address and great interest was manifested throughout each session, the speaker referred to Patriotic teaching as one in which all the members of the Relief Corps take a lively interest; of the advance in this work Mrs. Miller said "Never has there been greater need of Patriotic teaching than at present time, never has the Nation shown greater loyalty than to-day, the teachings of yesterday are being practiced to-day and the war for humanity directed and carried out by our executive at Washington, and the man behind the gun, shows we have not labored in vain. Great impetus in this branch of our work is felt as a result of the "Spanish-American" war, bringing to each member a personal interest and an awakened thought of the needs of the hour. Mrs. Millers report was an admirably prepared paper setting forth the work of the year just closing, and suggesting many improvements to be worked out in the future. \$200 was presented by ex-prisoners to erect an archway over the spring of the old Andersonville Prison property, it is in the care of the Corps and in speaking of this Mrs. Miller said she thought it would "Be wise to turn this over to the Government to take care of, for more money will be required to maintain it than we now dream of. Relief Corps' great work more than \$10,000 were spent for Memorial Day since the organization of the orders.

\$19,000 expended for relief of widows and orphans of soldiers. Total membership over 150,000.

Regarding the work of relief during the Spanish war and while reports are incomplete by those failing to send in the work done locally, the splendid amount of \$59,298.37 has been reported, this is a record of which to be proud. \$253,900 on hand in Relief Corps Home.

Speaking of the finances of the Corps, last year we were greeted with the splendid showing of \$14,292.11 in all funds, with supplies valued at \$4,479.91, making a grand total of \$18,997.02; to-day the Treasurer's report will show a grand total of 23,918.62 with no liabilities.

The recommendations of Mrs. Miller that we tender the G. A. R. a contribution of \$2,000 was approved and given as an evidence of the Corps' appreciation of the Grand Army and to be placed in their general fund.

Recommendation No. 2: That a committee be appointed to urge the adoption of a Bill by Congress making the wives, mothers, widows and daughters of soldiers living in the various Soldiers' Homes, eligible to the same assistance as the soldiers in the State Homes. The report closed with a glowing memorial of the late Commander in Chief, James A. Sexton of the G. A. R.; at the conclusion of the address a rising vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Miller and the new salute of the order was given for the first time in her honor, the waiving of flags by all present.

The per capita to National Headquarters was reduced from three cents to two and one-half cents.

A motion was carried that members disapprove of women and girls marching with the Grand Army at Encampments and detracting attention that should be given Comrades.

An elegant luncheon was served by Philadelphia ladies and business resumed with 307 entitled to vote. Indiana had 11. Mrs. Miller's name was presented as National President but she gracefully declined and Mrs. Bodge of Connecticut was elected on first ballot. Mrs. Libbie Bear of Wisconsin, Senior Vice President; Mrs. Mary Evans, of Washington, D. C., Junior Vice; Miss Isabelle Badgely of Ohio Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Brown of Rhode Island, Chaplain. Five on Executive Board and Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller the retiring President was made a member of the National Home Board for five years, and among the appointed officers our own Dear Malissa Cayler, Past Department President is the National Inspector, and Mrs. Agnes Hitt, Past National President was the Installing Officer, this with the Great Naval Parade on Friday to review Sampson War vessels on Delaware Bay closed one of the largest and most successful Encampments yet held.

In F. C. and L.,

MINNIE MCKEOWN.

Delegate at Large.



Moved by Ella Billings, Corps No. 20, seconded by Corps No. 34, that we proceed with the election of officers as soon as possible. Carried.

Loretta J. Gorsuch announced that there was a member of Nappanee Corps, not a delegate but a visiting member in the Convention and in the absence of the regular delegate, asked that she be made a voting member of the Convention.

Della Graham, Corps No. 10:

I think that such a course would be derogatory to the rules and regulations of our Order.

Mrs. Gorsuch:

I make this as a motion. Nappanee Corps is without a representative here, except through a visiting member. Their delegate at the last moment was taken sick. I ask you to kindly allow this woman to represent her Corps as a voting member. They pay their per capita tax and it is but just that they have a voting member in the Convention. I know that it can only be done by the unanimous consent of the Convention. It has been done in the National Convention and I think it can be done here.

Seconded by a member from Elmer Corps No 15.

Mrs. Hitt:

Mrs. Gorsuch has said that a precedent has been established by the National setting aside the law and admitting representatives on the floor from a detached Corps. It has been done in a number of instances. If it can be done by the National which is our highest body, which sets us examples, it seems to me that under these conditions, it is not going to hurt us very much to admit this lady. Mrs. Gorsuch is correct that it has been done in the National and the Journals will bear me out in it

Mrs. Sulgrove:

Why is the Corps not represented by a President, Senior or Junior Vice?

Minnie Brown:

In answer to the question why they are not represented by a President, Senior or Vice, I would say that she could not have come at the very last moment. No other woman of the Corps has had time to make preparation to come and in justice to the Corps, I think we could very easily grant this request and not hurt ourselves at all.

The motion being put to vote was lost.

Moved by Eliza Ricker, Corps No. 42, that there be no applause either for or against a motion during this Convention.

Seconded by Mrs. Ransford.

Mrs. Hitt:

I want to take issue with this ladies, because if you will allow the ladies to clap their hands once in a while it will relieve us from the strain

and we all ought to be gracious enough to each other to applaud those who succeed and those of us who do not succeed, we can take our medicine gracefully and pleasantly I think. A little applause is not going to hurt anybody. It is like a safety-valve. I am perfectly willing that any other woman applaud and more particularly willing to let the lady applaud who has won the game over me.

The motion having been put to vote was lost.

The Department Secretary then called the roll of the Convention.

The Credential Committee announced that 412 were entitled to a vote.

Department President then announced as tellers Lola Calvert, Rebecca Sulgrove and Perth Strickler.

Moved by Blanche Gould Corps No. 74, second by Hattie M. Hopkins, Corps No. 44, that the Convention adjourn.

Motion lost.

Moved by Romaine Armstrong, Corps No. 20, seconded by Mrs. Whitlock, that the Convention proceed with the election of officers.

Motion carried.

The President announced that nominations for Department President were then in order.

Lola Calvert, Corps No. 195:

Corps No. 195 desires to place before this Convention as a candidate one to whom I feel that you need no introduction. One whose face has greeted every Department Convention for the last thirteen years, with the exception of one—one who has given her time, her strength and her ability for the furtherance of this grand and noble organization. The one to whom I refer is Miss Etta E Houk, formerly a member of the Corps at Westfield, but since the death of her mother, has been a member of the Corps at Scottsburg, where she expects to make her future home. I hope that you will weigh this carefully and I feel that she deserves the support of this Convention.

Seconded by Margaret Glenn and many others.

Lydia E. Cook, Corps No. 70:

Corps No. 70 wishes to place in nomination Mrs. Laura S. Burr, who is the grand-daughter of a soldier, the daughter of a soldier and the wife of a soldier, and this convention will make no mistake in selecting Laura S. Burr as Department President for the next year. She is a loyal woman and is capable of filling this place.

Seconded by Emma Denius, Corps No. 70, and Julia S. Conklin Corps No. 71.

Helen Whitford, Corps No. 52.

Corps No. 52 wishes to announce the name of Mrs. Sue Hart for Department President. She comes highly recommended, and she is fully

capable of filling the office. She is a soldier's widow and I would like the endorsement of this entire Convention for Mrs. Hart for this office.

Seconded by Ida S. McBride, Corps No. 20.

Lilly M. Ashton, Corps No. 33.

I wish to place in nomination before this convention, the name of Mrs. Martha H. Little, present Department Chaplain.

Seconded by Jennie Gray, of Greencastle Corps, No. 23.

The nominations were closed and the ballots distributed and collected.

Mrs. Ransford, moved, seconded by Catherine Messick Corps 18, that the ballots be counted in the presence of the Convention.

Motion carried.

As a result of the first ballot, the tellers reported:

Whole number of votes cast.....	371
Necessary to a choice.....	186
Burr.....	168
Houk.....	163
Hart.....	27
Little.....	13

No election.

Moved by Thesta Alice Ross, Corps No. 20, seconded by Margaret Clark, that the Convention adjourn until the following morning at 8:30 o'clock. -Carried.

Thursday.

Morning Session.

The Convention was called to order by the Department President at 9:00 o'clock.

The conductors took up the pass-word and reported all present members of the Order.

The Chaplain, Martha H. Little, read the 24th Psalm and followed by prayer:

" Our kind heavenly Father we do ask thee in Jesus name that thou wilt be with us this morning. We thank thee, dear father, that thou hast permitted so many of us to assemble here this morning and we thank thee that thou hast given so many of us health and strength. Wouldst thou be with our dear loved ones at home, protect them from all evil and all harm. We would ask thee that thou wouldst be with our Department President, dear Father, give her strength for this day's work, and may the work that she has done for us be a monument far grander than granite and that time will tell what she has done for this great and noble cause. Wilt thou be with the Grand Army this morning. Many of them



may meet with us for the last time and may we remember our obligation to care for them and their dependent ones. Be with us, our father, and may love and harmony reign in every heart and dear Father, may we pray as thou has taught us to pray, (Lord's prayer)''.

The Convention joined in singing one verse of America.

The minutes of the morning and afternoon session of the previous day were read by the Assistant Secretary, Minnie Brown, and approved.

Captain Wallace Foster was announced in waiting and the Committee on Courtesies with the color bearers escorted him to the platform, where he was introduced to the Convention by the Department President.

Captain Foster responded in an address to the Convention.

Mrs. President, Ladies, and Comrades of the Department of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps:

Through the kindness of your President I am here, to-day, not to take up your valuable time in idle talk, but to interest you in a subject which I believe concerns every member of your organization, and I ask your kind indulgence for a few minutes, to read my paper.

I have received, recently, quite a number of communications from comrades of the W. R. C., calling my attention to a certain Woman's Patriotic Organization that have laid claims to the authorship of teaching patriotism, and raising our flag on school buildings and grounds.

While I have no wish or desire to criticise other patriotic organizations, I feel it my duty to simply give you a review of the patriotic work as I know it to be, from my long and close attention to the cause, and my knowledge of those who have co-operated with me for the last seven years. Therefore, I have the honor to submit to you

#### THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY

of

#### TEACHING PATRIOTISM IN THE PUBLIC AND

#### PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

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The earliest movement in teaching patriotism in the public and private schools of our country, was inaugurated by the late Colonel George T. Balch, of New York City. His interest in patriotic instruction was aroused by studies of the tenement houses, and consideration of immigration.

Colonel Balch was reared in New York, and was familiar with its progress for the past fifty years. He was graduated from West Point in



1851, and spent the following fifteen years in the regular army. For two years he inspected arsenals of the United States and had much valuable knowledge of them at the outbreak of the war. In May, 1862, by direction of Secretary of war Stanton, a warm friend, he was ordered to Washington to re-organize the ordinance bureau, through which several hundred million dollars' worth of war material was purchased. After a year as professor of ordinance and gunnery at West Point, he left the army, at the close of 1865. In 1872 he entered the service of the Erie Railway Company, as engineer in charge of the New York and New Jersey property. In 1885 and 1886 he was expert engineer in the office of Commissioner of Accounts, in New York City, in the spring of 1886 he received an order to make an exhaustive examination of the Department of Health. Through this examination he became interested in tenement houses, and indirectly, in patriotic teaching.

In the spring of 1886 he became greatly interested in the subject of public schools, and their relation to patriotic education. He addressed a letter that fall to the President of the Board of Education of New York, and wrote to all the State Superintendents of public instruction in this country. He wished to ascertain the number of parochial and other denominational schools, but finding that it would cost over \$1,000.00 to carry out this plan, he was obliged to abandon it. On March 6, 1889, he was elected auditor of the Board of Education of New York City.

#### FLAG SALUTE IN NEW YORK SCHOOLS.

Through an introduction to Charles Loring Brace, founder of the Children's Aid Society, of New York City, Colonel Balch became interested in the schools of the society. In these schools are taught children of every race and color, who are unable from extreme poverty, from speaking a foreign language, irregular hours, or other reasons, to attend the public schools. There were twenty-one schools, and six thousand pupils. In January, 1889, Colonel Balch began a two-months examination into the relations of the teachers of these schools with the children's parents, and into what had been done to awaken a spirit of patriotism among the pupils.

He introduced the plan of having the pupils of all aid schools salute the national flag every morning. In May and June, 1891, the children were all visited, and the plan was explained to them. At the ceremony the boys and girls gather, with their eyes on a flag, in front of their teacher, and recite in concert: "We give our heads, and our hearts, to God and to our country." As they say these words they touch their heads and hearts with their right hand, in salute. After this comes an

additional salute: "One country, one language, and one flag." Then they sing patriotic songs, such as "America"; "The Star Spangled Banner", and other old patriotic songs and hymns.

#### VOTING BY THE CHILDREN.

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The introduction of the salute was so successful that it was decided to take another step in training the children in American ways, by having them hold annual elections. The first election took place, November 1, 1891, simultaneously in the twenty-one schools. It was held to decide whether the flag salute should be continued another year. Out of the 5,138 children and teachers enrolled, 4,304, or eighty-two percent voted, and of these only forty-four voted against continuing the salute. There was no electioneering, or interference, to influence the children in their votes. A second election took place November 7, 1892, and a third election, November, 1903, resulted in a unanimous ballot for a daily salutation of the flag.

Colonel Balch died April 15, 1894, and, by his request, after his death I took up the patriotic work, and have co-operated with the W. R. C. in prosecuting it, vigorously, to the best of my ability. To what success I have attained I must leave for you to answer.

#### FLAG RAISINGS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

and

#### TEACHING PATRIOTISM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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The first known instance where the stars and stripes were unfurled over a school building, was at New Bedford, Massachusetts, on May 11, 1861, on the Fifth Street Grammar School eight months after the dedication of the school building, and less than a month after the flag over Fort Sumter had been fired upon. I am indebted to Professor F. Wood, present principal of the school, for the history of the school. He assures me that the flag still waves over the school-building, loved and revered more than ever. I am glad to credit the first patriotic flag raising to this school, which was a genuine inspiration for the American youth, and should have a place in the patriotic history of our country.

Before my acquaintance with Colonel Balch in 1889, I had also been deeply interested in the subject of teaching patriotism, and was especially active in urging that flags be placed over school buildings and grounds. At that time I did not know of one hundred flags on school buildings in the United States, and this was the beginning of the patriotic movement

In the winter of 1890 my activity was aroused by hearing reports of opposition by certain members of our school board, to the placing of flags on school buildings and grounds. On February 20, 1891, the first flag was unfurled from a fifty foot staff on the grounds of Public School No. 32, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The example was followed by the city schools generally, and by nearly every school in the district in the state, and by schools in adjoining states, until thirty-eight states in the Union had fallen into the patriotic procession.

My first appeal for the teaching of patriotism in the public schools was the issuing of a patriotic address to the 25th National Encampment, G. A. R., at Detroit, Michigan, in 1891, and the carrying in the parade of a large, blue silk banner, with the words thereon: "Teach Patriotism in the Public Schools." This banner was presented to me by Colonel Balch.

In considering my appeal, the 25th National Encampment appointed a committee to consider the teaching of patriotism in schools, and after mature deliberation, recommended that the Commander-in-Chief take steps for raising the flag over schools, in the fall of each year, with appropriate ceremonies. This program I believe would be useless, if it was desired to inspire the children with patriotic emotions. My object was to have the flag saluted, every morning, in the opening exercises of the school and unfurled from the school-house flag staff, every school day in the year, and on all National patriotic days. I contended that emotional patriotism excited by reverence for the flag, would pave the way for intellectual patriotism, so that heads, as well as hearts, would be devoted to our country, our language and our flag.

After another failure at the 26th National Encampment, G. A. R., at Washington, D. C., in 1892, I changed my tactics, and in the spring of 1893 appealed, in an address to the Department of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps, and my appeal was not in vain. At the 10th Annual Convention of the Department of Indiana W. R. C., held in Evansville, Indiana, April 5th and 6th, 1893, the Convention took up the cause of patriotic instruction in the public and private schools by endorsing, and recommending its adoption and introduction by the Department of Indiana W. R. C.; also recommending that a series of resolutions offered on the subject of patriotic education be introduced into the 11th National Convention, to assemble at Indianapolis, Indiana, during the 27th National Encampment, G. A. R., September 6th to 8th, 1893.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by the National Convention, in their original form, at the request of Mrs Julia S. Conklin, President Department Indiana W. R. C., were as follows:

Resolution No. 18:

Whereas, it is essential to the future welfare and good citizenship



of our country, that the children of our land be taught to reverence the American flag; the emblem of our liberty, and to respect the principles for which our veterans gave the best years of their lives—many of them life itself; and

Whereas, the present system of foreign immigration, and the large per cent. of foreigners of all grades of society, who are admitted to citizenship in these United States, and the foreign ideas of government being promulgated throughout our country, are doing much to lessen the hold our institutions have upon the minds of the young;

Therefore,

Resolved, that we strongly urge the adoption of some form of patriotic teaching in our schools, by which to counteract these influences.

Resolution No. 19:

Resolved, that each Department President instruct the Corps President in her department to appoint a committee of influential ladies belonging to her corps, to petition the county and city superintendents and teachers to recommend the adoption of some form of patriotic salute to the American flag, to be introduced into the morning exercises of the public schools

Resolution No. 20.

Resolved, That we urge each member of the Woman's Relief Corps to adhere strictly to the patriotic teachings of our Order, and endeavor to inculcate lessons of patriotism and loyalty among the young in the communities in which they live.

Mrs. Sarah C. Mink, who succeeded to the presidency of the National body of the W. R. C., appointed a National Patriotic Committee, of which Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, past President of the Department of Indiana, was made chairman. Within three months the chairman of the National Patriotic Committee issued her first patriotic order, and the great flow of patriotic instruction commenced in good earnest. Thousands of the ritual of the "American Patriotic Salute" to the flag were issued by the American Flag Manufacturing Company of Easton, Pennsylvania, for gratuitous distribution, and the schools of our country echoed with patriotic music, and the salute to the flag.

At the 12th National Convention, W. R. C., at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in September, 1894, the patriotic work had assumed national distinction and praise, and the Woman's Relief Corps was in great favor with every loyal citizen who loved our country and our flag.

At the Pittsburg convention, the W. R. C. concluded to increase the patriotic work by endorsing Colonel Balch's "Patriotic Primer for the Little citizen" (a four page folio sheet) and authorized me to revise and arrange it in primer form. At the 13th National convention, W. R. C.



at Louisville, Kentucky, in September, 1895, the first enlarged edition of the "Patriotic Primer", containing sixty-two pages, was ready for inspection and distribution. The "Primer" was adopted by the convention, and recommended as a patriotic text-book to be used by the W. R. C., and its introduction urged in the public schools. A fac simile of the Declaration of Independence was also recommended for the schools, and its introduction by the W. R. C. urged.

From 1895 to the closing of the nineteenth century the patriotic work has assumed immense proportions in forty states of the Union. The "Patriotic Primer" is in its third edition, carefully revised, and enlarged to one hundred and twelve pages, illustrated, and improved with much valuable patriotic matter for every earnest, patriotic citizen.

An oleograph of the "Origin and History of the Stars and Stripes" has also been adopted and introduced by many Departments with success.

At the National Convention held in Buffalo, New York, in 1897, the W. R. C. introduced a flag ritual in their work, which has increased the interest in patriotic instruction, and thousands of silk flags are being used in every state where the W. R. C. has planted its loyal standard of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty". This ritual work has increased the displaying of flags in school rooms.

In summing up the great patriotic work accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps, it can be truthfully said that no other woman's organization in the world can show so much. That there may be no doubting brothers or sisters in other patriotic organizations, it may be well to give a few statistics to prove the bold assertion made herein:

In six years, over 125,000 flags have been unfurled in and over the public and private schools of our country.

In 1893, there were not 10,000 children saluting the flag; to-day, there are, at the least calculation, from six to seven million children honoring the Star Spangled Banner in the morning exercises in opening the schools. This glorious, patriotic achievement has been accomplished by the Woman's Relief Corps of our country.

Through the influence and teaching of your organization, many new patriotic features have been introduced and indorsed in nearly every state in the Union and by many of our most prominent educators.

Flower Mission work is one of the W. R. C's noble, Christian charities; anti-vivisection in schools; mercy and kindness to dumb animals, and the organization of school children in Bands of Mercy, have their love and earnest co-operation.

In conclusion let me again affirm that the Woman's Relief Corps organization was the first organized body of women to adopt and intro-

duce the teaching of patriotism in schools, and raising the flag over school buildings and grounds.

While I am friendly to all patriotic societies and organizations, I believe in giving credit to whom credit is due, and to the W. R. C., who have so loyally earned the name and honor of being the greatest patriotic organization in the world, I dedicate this paper.

There can be much more said of the Christian love and influence of your loyal army of noble, self-sacrificing, patriotic American women. God bless and prosper them everywhere in their great and good work. May your glorious mission of love and charity for mankind continue in your life work by teaching the rising generation to love and reverence God, Our Country, Our Language and Our Flag.

Fraternally yours, in F. C. and L.,

WALLACE FOSTER.

To the Department of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps,

In Convention assembled:

I would most respectfully call your attention to the report of "Chief Aide on Military Instruction in Public Schools", pages 345 to 373, Journal of the Thirty-third National Encampment of the G. A. R., Philadelphia, Pa., September 6th to 8th, 1899.

I fully endorse the Military Instructions of the Aide, but must protest against his interference with the patriotic work inaugurated by the W. R. C., seven years ago. It is very humiliating to learn from this Aide that it is the G. A. R. who have been instructing the youth in our public schools in patriotism. From my ten years experience in the patriotic field, I have always contended that it was through the influence and intense patriotism of the W. R. C. that this work has been done, in which the Aide pleads ignorance. I am astonished at the report of this Chief Aide, when he claims so much for the G. A. R., and himself in particular, and knows nothing of the great patriotic work you have been doing for the last seven years.

The Chief Aide has gone so far as to try to obliterate the true inspiration of the "American Patriotic Salute", and has taken by infringement the originality from a dead comrade, Colonel Balch who introduced it in the New York schools in 1890. Read between the lines, and you will see from the Aide's great effort, that he has counterfeited the "Salute", which is as follows:

"I give my hand, my head, my heart, to my country:

One Country, One People, One flag."

What is the matter with God, and our language? Are they not good enough for us all to live and die by? Or is the Aide ashamed of them? If so, he had better resign, and let another comrade, more loyal to God

and our language, take his place.

In the Chief Aide's magnanimous heart, he has seen fit to devote (7) lines of kind mention to the W. R. C., for their patriotic efforts, and says there is much to be done, which you will all admit, for you have learned it years ago. It seems from what he has to say, the W. R. C. are only secondary helpers, when they are in fact, the original introducers of patriotic instruction in the public schools, which dates from 1893.

When a G. A. R. comrade leaves his path of duty as military instructor in Public Schools, to intrude upon the loved and cherished work of the W. R. C., I think he is in very unpatriotic business, and is over-stepping his latitude of usefulness, and should be reminded of his interference before it becomes chronic.

I endorse with all my heart, military instruction in public schools, for there is a great field for this special work, and it is right and proper that the G. A. R. should undertake its introduction; but when the Chief Aide crosses the line to challenge the W. R. C., and interfere with their special and chosen work, I claim it is my vested right and duty to accept the challenge with a solemn protest, to protect and defend the interests of the W. R. C. with all the energy and force that are within me.

For the G. A. R. to issue patriotic instructions at this late period, would have a tendency to demoralize and confuse the teachers, as well as to discourage the noble workers of the W. R. C., and destroy what they have already done, and no advantage or prestige would be gained. Patriotic instruction is part of the W. R. C.'s loved work, for which you are especially fitted by your love and sympathy for all that elevates mankind. Female teachers are also in sympathy with your patriotic work, and through the influence of your noble organization they have indorsed and taught it in the public schools.

Please do not infer from this paper that I am not loyal to the G. A. R., of which I am a member in good standing, but I am more loyal to the W. R. C. in their great patriotic work, and shall always protest when my comrades of the G. A. R. try to take the glory and honor you have so unselfishly won by hard work which has become national. My heart, head and hand are dedicated to the W. R. C. in their noble work; where they go I'll follow, and I will not hold up my hands and see the G. A. R. take away from your organization the credit and laurels they have not won.

I hope you will look carefully into the report of the Chief Aide of the G. A. R., and take some action in the matter, so far as they interfere with your patriotic work, for it would be a calamity for the W. R. C. to have to give up the patriotic work, at a time when they are meeting with so much success. A protest from this Department, and the National Convention, would silence their batteries at once.



With love for God, our Country, our Language and Flag, I give my head and heart to all.

I remain with sincere good wishes,

Fraternally yours, in F. C. & L.,

WALLACE FOSTER.

Department President:

Ladies of this Convention, Captain Foster cannot hear one word of thanks or appreciation which we are going to return to him for his words of encouragement to our Order. He does not wish anyone to take the glory of the introduction of patriotism in the public schools but the Woman's Relief Corps, and this is what he was so anxious to come into this Convention to say and we thank him and appreciate what he has said. Captain Foster's name is a household word in our homes. Three cheers for Captain Foster.

Moved by Belle Ephlin, Corps 107, seconded by Julia Tincer, Corps No. 44, that Captain Foster's address be accepted and spread upon the Journal of this Convention. Motion carried.

Department President then announced that the roll of Department Convention be called.

Moved by Minnie Brown, seconded by Mary D. Travis, Crawfordsville, that the Convention proceed with the election without calling the roll, the number of voting members to be ascertained by actual count.

Mrs. Ransford moved as an amendment to the motion that the President of each Corps report the number present in her Corps. Seconded by Julia Conklin. Motion as amended carried.

Moved by Margaret Glenn, seconded by Mary Wilson, Corps No. 183, that in respect to the Department President, that order be maintained. Motion carried.

On request of several members of the Convention, the candidates for Department President, Miss Houk, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Little, were escorted to the platform and introduced to the Convention by the Department President.

In response to the President's introduction, Mrs. Little said:

"I thank you for the compliment bestowed upon me by nominating me, but I withdraw from the race. I love the Woman's Relief Corps just the same, and I can say in the words of Naomi: "Where thou goest I shall go; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

The credential committee reported 417 entitled to vote.

The ballots were distributed and collected and the tellers proceeded to count the ballots.

As a result the tellers reported:



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Whole number of votes cast.....	408
Necessary to a choice.....	205
Burr.....	206
Houk.....	186
Hart.....	16

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The Department President declared Laura S Burr duly elected Department President for the ensuing year.

Moved by Agnes Hitt, seconded by Mary J. Hadley that for the sake of expediency the vote from now on be counted on the outside of the room and the Convention be allowed to proceed with its business.

Mrs. Meyerhoff moved as an amendment that a committee be allowed to accompany them, that it be not a private count.

After considerable discussion, Mrs. Hitt withdrew her motion, which carried with it the amendment.

Mrs. Hess:

Mrs. President, I think now that the most of the ladies in this convention are beginning to realize that we are wasting a great deal of important time. It is getting near the middle of the second day and a great many of us must return to our homes this afternoon and this evening. We do not want any more child's play. We want to transact the business of this convention and we do not want the tellers to stay here and count the votes.' They have been appointed and we trust them. I make this as a motion that from now on in counting the votes hereafter, the tellers retire and that we go on with the business of this convention. Seconded by Loretta Gorsuch and carried.

Miss Etta Houk then addressed the Convention as follows:

I would like to make an explanation to this noble body of ladies. I stand before you an accused woman and if these are the last words I shall ever utter, I want to say to you that I am innocent and I hope that you will believe me as such until I am proven guilty. My friends have said to me, 'why did you not rise and vindicate yourself?' I wish to say that this matter is in the hands of the National and until they have settled it, I shall say nothing. You have elected a noble woman as your President I hope you will stand by her, for I love Laura S. Burr of Anderson.

On motion of Agnes Hitt, Mrs. Burr was presented to the Convention and responded as follows:

Ladies of the Relief Corps, auxillary to the Grand Army of the Republic:

I want to thank you for all your kindness to me. I know I am quite new in the Department, but I hope to know you all better before the year is over. While the tellers were counting the ballots and it

seemed like the majority of the votes were for the other candidate, I felt quite a feeling of relief, for I know that much lies before me. I fully appreciate the feelings that are among the ladies here. But, ladies, don't you know that we are all banded together in a noble cause. If we allow dissensions to come among us, what will be the outcome? We are all supposed to be good Christian women. Nobody asks us to what church we belong or to what creed. We want to be true women. I know that I have a great responsibility ahead of me. I want you to help me. This work is new to me and I only wish that I could meet all of you, let us turn over a new leaf in 1900 and forget all the differences that we ever had. I esteem you highly if for nothing else than that you are auxillary to the Grand Army. Can we afford to go on feeling that we are hurting someone's feelings. Be very cautious what you repeat a bout each other. I hope that you will bear with me and the appointments that I am called upon to make. I will be glad to hear from any of the ladies at any time, and I hope to know you all better.

The Department President then announced that nominations were in order for Senior vice-President.

Della Graham, Corps No. 10, placed in nomination Alvira M. Miller, Corps No. 10, seconded by Maria Wheat, Corps 10.

Anna Harvey, Corps No. 43, Nominated Belle Ingersoll, Corps No. 43, seconded by Ida Morrison, Corps No. 43.

Augusta Paver, Corps No. 20, placed in nomination Thesta Alice Ross, Corps No. 20, seconded by Agnes Hitt, Corps 20.

Nominations were closed and the candidates brought to the platform and introduced to the convention.

Mrs. Loretta J. Gorsuch then read the report of the Committee on the Senior and Junior vice-presidents reports.

Mrs. President:

Your Committee on Senior and Junior vice-Presidents' reports, beg leave to submit the following report. We have carefully examined the same, and find that the Senior-Vice President has made no mention of reports to District Convention received from the National Delegate, and and as the Delegate is required to furnish the same, and as we know that Districts Nos. 9 and 13 had very complete reports, we think where delegates have made reports, they should receive credit in Senior Vice President's report for same.

Senior Vice President makes four recommendations. The 1st and 2nd are concurred in the 3rd and 4th we do not recommend for adoption.

The Junior Vice President presents a very complete brief report. She has always held herself in readiness and performed all duties required of her.

Respectfully submitted,  
in F. C. & L.,  
LORETTA J. GORSUCH,  
ANNA C. TUCKER,  
ROZILLA E. BILLINGS.

Moved by Melissa Caylor, Corps No. 72, seconded by Catherine Messick, Corps No. 18, that the report be accepted.

Carried.

Ballots were collected and tellers retired.

The following telegram was received from the Department of New York.

Utica, N. Y., May 17, 1900.

Maria L. Schlater, Department Pres. of Woman's Relief Corps, Convention, Logansport, Ind.

The New York Department of Woman's Relief Corps now assembled at Utica extend loving greetings to the Department of Indiana.

FLORENCE M. WESTCOTT,  
Chairman.

Telegrams of greetings were received from Gertrude Leonard Mitchell of Washington, D. C., also Mary R. Athey, Past Department Secretary of Ohio W. R. C.

Mrs. Alice Pike, Chairman of Committee on Counselor's report, then read her report:

Mrs. President:

We the committee on Counselor's report beg leave to submit the following:

We have carefully examined the report and heartily concur in the thoughts so beautifully expressed and decisions so ably rendered.

Respectfully submitted,  
In F. C. & L.,  
ALICE S. PIKE,  
BELLE W. EPHLIN.

Moved by Minnie Brown, Corps No. 8, seconded by Sarah C. White, Corps No. 184, Rockville that the report of the committee be accepted.

Carried.

Committee on Chaplain's Report then submitted their report as follows:

Mrs. President:

In compliance with your request we have examined the report of the Department Chaplain. It gives us pleasure to note unusual interest among corps members in this part of our work, and the patriotism manifested by the number of children taking part, and regret that Corps Chaplains do not prepare and forward their reports promptly. Corps Presi-



dents who are responsible for these reports should insist that the same be properly and promptly attended to.

We commend the Department Chaplain for the faithful performance of her duties.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,  
LAURA J. KALTER.  
LOU S. HAVENS.

Moved by Kate Callahan, Corps 135, seconded by Ellen Laporte, Corps 168 that the report of the committee be accepted. Carried.

The Chairman of the committee on I. & I. officer's report then read the following report:

Mrs. President:

We heartily commend the I. & I. officers for the efficient manner in which she has performed the duties of her office. Especially so, for her earnestness in trying to advance the work of the organizations of Corps among those Posts having no auxiliary.

In F. C. & L.

MARY A. SIMS,  
MATILDA M. LOUTHAIN.  
ROSE A. PICKERING.

Moved by Lizzie Spahr, Corps No. 20, seconded by Ellen Laporte Corps 168, that the report of the committee be adopted. Carried.

Laura Ingersoll, Matron of the State Soldier's Home addressed the Convention, as follows, in addition to her written report:

The important feature of my report was to ask your assistance. At the home we need so many things, and this year at the legislature we are going to ask assistance in an appropriation. I hope every woman in the Relief Corps and in the Grand Army of the Republic will do everything they can for the Soldier's Home for they deserve it. Some one has asked me to mention the special needs. We have a woman's hospital, but we have had to take them from the hospital and use what we had as the Widow's Home for the Woman's Hospital. Now what we need is a widow's home. Our widows are scattered in six different buildings on the ground. We have single rooms, in which six women have to live part of the time, and it is pretty hard for a half dozen women to live in one room all the time. And that is one of the things we are going to ask the Legislature for, we are going to do what we can for a widow's home. Then the hospital is needed so badly. The sick cannot be taken care of in the quarters. Ladies, I do not think there is anything you can do for the old soldiers but what they deserve and they appreciate everything you have done for them. They appreciate the kindness of the Relief Corps and many an old soldier is taking comfort with the cushions and head rests and other comforts that you have been kind enough to send



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to the Home. But still, ladies, I want to tell you another thing. The Home is not only for the old veterans, but here comes your boys to the Home to be taken care of—many of us have boys who have gone forth to the Spanish war. Since the late war, we have had nine of the Spanish American boys come to us for help. He have had two in the hospital receiving treatment, the rest of them have been taken care of until they had better health. Now, ladies, here in this Home, the boys will soon be taking the places left vacant by their fathers and we must see to it to prepare a Home where they can have ease and comfort in their old days for that time is coming fast.

## Report of Matron of State Soldier's Home.

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LaFAYETTE, IND., May 1, 1900.

Mrs. President and Members of Convention. Department of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps:

Another year has rolled away bringing its many changes, to which all institutions are subject to. In July '99 our new Commander and General Jasper Packard came to us, taking the place left vacant by Colonel J. P. Megrew. He remained with us just five months, and was taken away by death, just when he had become endeared to us, and we had just begun to understand his kind and loving disposition. For he was kind and generous to a fault and his death was deplored by officers and members of the Home. After his death, Col. Gill R. Stormont, Past Department Commander of the Department of Indiana G. A. R. was appointed, who is now with us and learning the many ways of the Home, and in the short time he and his wife have been with us we already feel that confidence and friendly feeling for them which goes to make the Home life needed between commander, officers and members, and may his administration be such that all may be peace and harmony.

The home is now in a very prosperous condition, with its beautiful grounds, handsome buildings with comfortable rooms, good beds, plenty of nice, clean bedding to make all healthful, with an abundance of good and well prepared food, all any one could wish for.

We have the reputation of being far ahead of many Homes, that have been in operation, twice as many years, for the comfortable condition of its members, and we are justly proud of this Home, which is a pride and honor to Indiana.

But many improvements are needed at the Home. This year we have made what improvements our limited means would allow, but much is needed to improve the Home, and we are looking forward to our next Legislature to help us, by making the much needed appropriation for the Home, and we hope all who are interested in the Home and who have any influence will lend a willing hand, and may they remember what the cause is for, that we may be able to care for many more old veterans and wives.

Last winter there was a demand for admittance from many veterans, but we were unable to receive them for lack of room, and the Board of Trustees were compelled to stop receiving applications and many worthy soldiers and wives were turned away for this reason. Last year there were no cottages built by any county, but we hope all G. A. R. and W. R. C. in each county who have not built cottages, will use their influence to that purpose, so we may have more buildings erected this summer, so all veterans who apply may be accommodated.

When winter sets in there will be a greater demand for this refuge, to which they may turn, when health fails, and they are left without means of support. This is as it should be—the people of the State of Indiana have so decided that its veterans must have this Home, where they may be cared for, and as the years go by the demand will be greater each year, and for this reason we ask the assistance of all counties, to not put off the good work of having their county represented at the Home.

Perhaps many of you who have not visited the Home, cannot realize the necessity of more room, but we who have control and are witnesses daily to the crowded condition of the buildings, feel that we cannot say too much, to urge you to renewed activity, in behalf of the boys who served so valiantly for our sake, and who deserve all the comforts that can be given them at this time of life when the many ills contracted in the weary marches of service, have laid waste their lives, and if you could see the many happy old couples in this Home, you would offer up a prayer to the Father, who watches over all, that he may instill anew the feeling of patriotism in every heart, that they may not forget what is due the saviors of our country, and Old Glory; long may it wave, o'er a land where peace, sweet peace may ever abide.

Old Glory, how that name brings back the reminiscence of long ago, the battles and strife, the misery and suffering and starvation of Andersonville Prison. We have hanging on the wall of the Old Mens Home a picture of this prison with all its gaudiness, and many are with us, who went through that dreadful period, I have seen these men stand before that picture and say "May God protect our boys from such suffering as we saw there", and when I hear these remarks, and they are many, I feel like wafting a message to each and every Relief Corps to put

on their armer and work until every old soldier and wife can have a home there.

This Home is not only for the veterans, but here comes our boys, young and frail, broken in health, asking us to take them in and care for them. Just what we are doing; we have had so far nine of the boys from the late war come to us, two are buried in our Home cemetery, two are now in the hospital receiving treatment, the others remaining in the Home, till health was improved so they were able to help themselves. So in a few years our boys will be fast taking the place left vacant by their fathers, and we should remember this, and do all we can to prepare a home where in the future our boys may have a home, and be cared for, that time will surely come.

And when I see these boys with frail bodies and hollow eyes, my thoughts go back to 1861, to the boys who went forth in their strong manhood, to battle for home and right, but came back sick and weary, with the hardships of three or four years and to suffer on through life, and now when they cry aloud to us for aid, and reach out for the helping hand of their stronger brother. Must we turn aside from where duty calls? I hear you say "No".

Each and every one can do something to help on this noble work, every mite has its influence.

The origination of this grand Home was a mite and each and every one adding his mite, all these gathered together have made this beautiful Home. So let us continue to add our mite as the years go by.

At this time we have 654 members in the Home, 407 men and 247 women, of that number 65 are widows of veterans.

Our members are well satisfied and enjoy all the comforts of this Home to the fullest extent, and their thanks go up daily for the many blessings they receive.

In the hospital where we have so many sick and helpless ones we are employing trained nurses to care for these, that they may have the proper food and with the best of beds, and all kept neat, clean and healthful and we feel that all is done for these feeble ones that is in our power.

In the crowded condition of the Home we have been compelled to remove our sick women from the hospital proper, and take what has been the Widow's Home for the Woman's Hospital. So our widows are scattered in six different cottages through camp, so you realize the necessity of a home for old women and widows, among the many needs of the Home is this building, and I know you feel that they are justly entitled to this, which should be something on the plan of the Old Men's Home.

We also need an addition to the main hospital, as many of our members are compelled to remain (while sick) in their quarters in camp as there is no room in the hospital for them, and we are very much in need of more room there.



And if enough pressure is brought to bear and the members of the Legislature are made to realize the many needs of this Home we will get the appropriation asked for.

This home is not finished but is growing steadily and its needs are many.

After the long winter, signs of spring are appearing, the trees are budding, the grass turning green, wild flowers springing up to meet you every where, the many birds sing and their sweet song by day, and the whippoorwill singing his sweet doleful call all night long, bringing back many recollections of happy days of long ago.

Here and there you may see a squirrel scampering away. They are becoming tame, as no one is allowed to disturb them. No hunting is allowed on the Home grounds, and we hope in this way to have our woods filled with the sweet songs of many birds, which bring delight to the old people.

The Home has been presented with quite an addition of curiosities in the shape of one alligator ten feet in length, two eagles, one golden which has received the name of Wm. McKinley, the other like the old veteran, crippled, one wing gone and one leg broken, who has received the name of Old Abe. The boys propose to have a crutch and wooden leg made for him, as he too has been through the war, and he is being tenderly cared for daily.

Our G. A. R. Post is in a prosperous condition, having increased its membership to 150, and are preparing to attend the convention to show for themselves what the good care of the Home has done for them, and are in hopes of carrying home the handsome banner to be presented to some post, and I hope they can do so, as there is no post who will take greater pride in displaying to the many visitors this trophy.

Our Good Templar's Lodge is doing good service in using their good influence at all times, which has been a help to many of our boys. They have their committees who visit the sick, which passes away many weary hours, their membership is increasing and now numbers 126.

Services are held three times each Sabbath with prayer meeting every Thursday evening, these meeting being well attended. The misisters of LaFayette have formed an association, and from this association, which consists of ministers of all denominations and each Sabbath at 2:30 p. m. one of the association comes to the Home to hold services. They are taken alphabetically from the list, so each church is represented, making it very satisfactory to all.

Our literary is still a pleasure to all, many new volumns having been donated to us this year. With monthly magazines and daily papers on file, all can have access to them from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Sunday excepted.

This year we have received but few donations from the Woman's Relief Corps, but we knew that all such supplies were being sent to our boys who went forth in the late war and who needed all such delicacies. How the mother heart went out after their boys, and the prayer for their safe return. But many will be left in that far off land, where none may drop a tear o'er the grave of our fallen brave. But we do not forget the many donations received from the Woman's Relief Corps and many old veterans are enjoying the cushions, back and head-rests you have sent to the Home, which brings ease and comfort to their weary bodies, and we hope you will not forget us as the years go by, as all these are indeed appreciated to the fullest extent, but all such things wear out and in the financial condition of the Home we are not able to furnish many things that we would like for the members, and as the seasons approach for canning fruits we hope each Corps will remember us and set aside a few cans of fruits and jelly for the use of the sick next winter, we are thankful for the smallest favors.

Memorial day will soon be with us again, which will be observed with reverence and love, more so with us than in many other cemetery's, as our own dead are those who have lived and walked side by side, following many of their comrades gone before them to that last resting place, where so many are passing one by one as the years roll on.

We can never forget those who died upon the field of battle, amid the cheers of comrades, the shouts of their commanders, the clash and roar of artillery and musket, the bugle calls heard in the distance with Old Glory floating in the sunlight, shadows and smoke, ever held aloft becomng those to follow where she led—even unto death.

All these scenes come to us as we strew flowers o'er their graves, with reverence and love and may we instill into the future generations this same love that we now feel for those who lie so peacefully and calm, awaiting that last bugle call.

But we must not forget those who still live to tell of those sad days when all was so dark.

Not till they are laid beneath the sod, but make their few remaining years as comfortable as we can.

This year our roll has increased by death, 39 members, 29 men and 9 women, making the total number of deaths since the Home opened 107.

#### DONATIONS FROM W. R. C. 1899.

Jellies, glasses.....	17
Jam, quarts.....	1
Fruit, quarts.....	8

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Wine, pints.....	1
Comforts.....	1
Towels.....	2
Sheets.....	5
Pillow cases.....	5
Cushions.....	27
Back rests.....	20
Soap, cakes.....	9

NAMES OF CORPS SENDING DONATIONS.

Alvin P. Hovey.....	\$1.96
Nelson.....	2.13
Joseph R. Gordon.....	43
Geo. K. Stough.....	59
Gaskin.....	2.30

Yours Respectfully,

In F. C. & L.,

LAURA E. INGERSOL,

Matron I. S. S. H.

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Tellers reported:

Whole number of votes cast.....	377
Necessary to a choice.....	189
Ross.....	138
Ingersoll.....	99
Miller.....	140

No election.

Another ballot was taken and tellers retired.

The Secretary then read a letter from Geo. W. Jones, Past Com. Col. Heath Post 544, and a petition for the pardon or parole of Comrade Crawford. The letter is as follows:

Mrs. Schlater, President of the W. R. C.

Dear Madam:

I herewith send you for the consideration of your honorable body, a petition for the pardon or parole of Comrade J. B. Crawford. I also presented one to the encampment of the G. A. R. I understand that they have acted favorably upon it and have appointed a Committee to bear it to the Governor.

Would you kindly take action in this matter and oblige,

GEO. W. JONES,

Past Com. Col. Heath Post 544.

Moved by Eliza J. Crisler, Corps 113, seconded by Sarah E. Hoffbauer, Corps 168, that the in-coming President be instructed to print a copy of this petition and send it to each Corps in the Department, there to receive the signatures of the W. R. C. and also that the out-going President appoint a committee to wait upon the Governor.

Motion carried.

The President appointed as that committee, Eliza J. Crisler, Corps 113, Laura S. Burr, and Laura Hess.

The committee on Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports then presented their report:

Maria L. Schlater, Department President:

We have examined the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer and find that the work has been carefully, economically and faithfully performed. We commend these officers for promptness and especially do we desire to mention the neat manner in which has been conducted the correspondence connected with the duties of the office. We emphasize the suggestion of the Secretary that all reports due the Department be promptly made and forwarded.

Respectfully submitted,

In F. C. & L.,

LAURA HESS,

MATTIE S. HOBBS,

LYDIA E. COOK.

Moved by Julia Tinchler, Corps No. 44, seconded by Ellen Stonebraker, Corps No. 72, that the report of the Committee be accepted.

Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Hitt, seconded by Lydia Cook, Corps No. 70, that a letter of greetings be sent to the Grand Army of the Republic, in order not to disturb the Grand Army in their work.

Motion carried.

After a discussion, Mrs. Hitt moved to reconsider the motion...

Seconded by Melissa Caylor and carried

Mrs. Hitt then withdrew her original motion.

Tellers reported:

Whole number of votes cast.....	331
Necessary to a choice.....	166
Ross.....	156
Ingersoll.....	50
Miller.....	125

No election.

Mrs. Belle Ingersoll withdrew her name as a candidate.

Moved by Ida S. McBride, Corps No. 20, seconded by Thesta Alice



Ross, Corps 20, that the Convention adjourn until 1:30.

Carried.

Adjourned.

#### THURSDAY.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order at 1:30 by the Department President.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The conductors took up the pass word and reported all present members of the Order.

The roll of convention was then called.

The credential committee reported 281 delegates present and entitled to vote.

The election of the Senior-vice was resumed and the ballots distributed collected and the tellers retired.

Mrs. Mary J. Hadley, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented her report.

Resolution No. 1. Resolved, that the flag of our country be displayed over Corps and Post halls 365 days each year and at the death of a member of either Order that the flag be lowered at half mast until after burial.

Approved by the Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Meyerhoff, seconded by Agnes Hitt that the resolutions be acted upon as read. Motion carried.

Tellers reported:

Whole number of votes cast.....	276
Necessary to a choice.....	139
Ross.....	175
Miller.....	98

Thesta Alice Ross, Corps No. 20, was declared duly elected Department Senior Vice President for the ensuing year.

The Department President declared that nominations were then in order for Junior vice-President.

Etta Houk, Corps No. 195, placed in nomination Elmira J. Durbin, Sanderson Corps No. 9, seconded by Mary Swain, Corps No. 45.

Sue W. Hart, Corps No. 5, placed in nomination the name of Julia Smith, Corps No. 1, seconded by Susan Able, Corps No. 15 and others.

Ella White, Corps No. 191, placed in nomination the name of Lizzie Matchett, Corps No. 120, seconded by Ella D. Zinn, Corps No. 20.

The nominations were closed and the candidates escorted to the platform where they were introduced to the Convention.

The ballots were distributed and collected and the tellers retired.

Chairman of Resolution Committee then resumed her report.

Moved by Agnes Hitt, seconded by Bertha Strickler, Corps No. 131, that the report of the Committee be disapproved. Carried.

Resolution No. 2.

Resolved, that at our District Conventions we dispense with the morning roll call and have the roll call immediately before the election of officers.

Approved by the Committee.

Moved by Ida S. McBride, Corps No. 20, seconded by Ellen Laporte, Corps No. 168 that the report of the Committee be accepted.

Carried.

Resolution No. 3.

Resolved, that the resolution restricting Local Corps from Local Council of women be rescinded in as much as it seems expedient to our National organization of women, to be a member of the National Council, it would seem but just that the Local Corps be allowed the same privilege.

Not approved by the Committee.

Moved by Agnes Hitt, seconded by Catherine Messick, Corps No. 18 that the report of the committee be adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Ransford that, as the resolution must be rescinded by the National and not by the Department, that the motion be amended to read that the report of the committee be accepted, but that the resolution be sent to the National Convention for action. Seconded by Martha Carbaugh, Corps No. 168.

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 4.

Resolved, That a resolution be presented to the National Convention that our rules and regulations be so changed that corps not having their full representation after arriving at a Department Convention be given power to fill the place by a member in good and regular standing and by the approval of the Department President, following the established law of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Approved by the Committee.

Moved by Minnie VanPelt, Corps No. 70, seconded by Sarah White, Corps No. 184 Rockville, that the report of the committee be accepted.

Carried.

Resolution No. 5.

Resolved that as the greatest good to the greatest number is the thing wanted by this Department, therefore be it resolved that hereafter the delegates be as heretofore selected in District Convention to save time in the Department Convention.

Not approved by the committee

Moved by Ida S. McBride, seconded by Annie Hughes, Corps 118, that the report of the committee be accepted.

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 6.

Resolved, that this convention does not approve of the room in which the convention is held being used for any other purpose than the Department Convention, that it be not used for a camp-fire.

Approved by the committee.

Tellers report:

Whole number of votes cast.....	291
Necessary to a choice .....	146
Smith .....	93
Durbin .....	139
Matchett .....	59

No election.

Mrs. Matchett withdrew her name as a candidate.

The ballots were distributed and collected and the tellers retired to count the ballots.

Moved by Hattie M. Hopkins Corps No. 44, seconded by Kate Callahan, Corps No. 135, that we do not concur in the report of the committee.

Motion carried.

Resolution No. 7.

Resolved, that the sum of \$10 be paid to the janitor of Roberts Park M. E. church.

Approved by committee.

Moved by Ella D. Zinn, Corps No. 20, seconded by Mrs. Meyerhoff, Corps No. 48, that we accept the report of the committee.

Carried.

Resolution No. 8.

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be extended to the official boards of Roberts Park church for the free use of this church.

Approved by the committee.

Moved by Hattie M. Hopkins, Corps No. 44, seconded by Emma Hall, Corps No. 46, that we accept the report of the committee.

Motion carried by a rising vote.

Agnes Hitt then read the report of the Committee on the President's address:

Mrs. President and members of the convention:

Having carefully examined the President's address, we find it a most able and complete report of faithful and efficient work of the year.

and full of that patriotism and zeal which is characteristic of all her labors for the W. R. C.

After consultation with the Department Secretary, we find that 5 Corps instead of 4 were reported delinquent at the beginning of the year, one of which was reinstated and four were disbanded, which makes a net gain of one corps.

We wish to reiterate her remarks on delinquent reports. Twenty-four hours after the last meeting in the quarter is ample time for making out the reports and they should be forwarded at once to Department Headquarters, thus relieving our Department Officers of unnecessary annoyance and giving our Department a better standing in National Convention.

Recommendations No. 1 heartily endorsed by the Committee.

" No. 2 approved by the Committee.

" No. 3 " " " "

" No. 4, not endorsed by the Committee as it conflicts with Art. 6, Sec. 4 of the Rules and Regulations which says: "The term of appointed officers must expire with the appointing power."

The Patriotic Instructor being an appointed officer, cannot be appointed for more than one year.

We also most cheerfully and heartily endorse her remarks in regard to the Ladies Aid Society.

Recommendation No. 5, approved by the Committee.

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" " 7, " " " "

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,

AGNES HITT,

MARTHA M. SMITH,

ESTHER REYNOLDS.

Moved by Hattie M. Hopkins, seconded by Kate Callahan, Corps No. 135, that the recommendations of the President be acted upon seriatum. Carried.

Recommendation No. 1.

Moved by Melissa Caylor, seconded by Mrs. Hoffbauer, Corps No. 168, that the report of the committee be accepted. Carried.

Recommendation No. 2. Endorsed by the committee.

Emma Hall, Corps No. 46, moved that the report of the committee be accepted, seconded by Kate Callahan, Corps No. 135. Carried.

Recommendation No. 3. Endorsed by the committee.

Moved by Sally Highland, Corps No. 20, seconded by Mary Rice, Corps No. 63, that the report of the committee be accepted. Carried.

Recommendation No. 4.

Not endorsed by the committee.



Moved by Eliza Crisler, seconded by Julia Smith, Corps No. 1, that we accept the report of the committee.

Carried.

Recommendation No. 5. Endorsed by the committee.

Moved by Mrs. McBride, seconded by Ellen Laporte, Corps 168, that the report of the committee be accepted.

Carried.

Tellers report:

Whole number of votes cast .....	270
Necessary to a choice .....	136
Durbin .....	171
Smith .....	91

Mrs. Durbin receiving the majority of votes cast was declared elected Junior Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Department President then declared that nominations were in order for Department Treasurer.

Laura S. Burr nominated Ritta May Metcalf, Anderson, Ind., for Department Treasurer. Seconded by Agnes K. Hitt.

Moved by Ella D. Zinn, seconded by Della Graham, Corps No. 10 that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Miss Metcalf for Department Treasurer.

The Secretary having cast the ballot, Miss Metcalf was duly elected Department Treasurer for the ensuing year.

President announced that nominations were now in order for Department Chaplain.

Ollie Macker, nominated Fannie Hubbard of Corps No. 93, seconded by Mary Sims.

Ella Miller Corps No. 149, seconded by Ellen Laporte, Corps No. 168, placed in nomination Isabel Neal, Corps No. 149.

The nominations being closed, the ballots were distributed and collected and the tellers retired.

Recommendation No. 6. Approved by the committee.

Moved by Hattie M. Hopkins, seconded by Sue Biddlecum, Corps No. 162, that the report of the committee be adopted.

Motion carried.

Recommendation No. 7.

Moved by Alvira M. Miller, Corps No. 10, seconded by Lizzie A. South, Corps No. 44, that the recommendation be adopted.

Motion carried.

Rose Pickering:

I have been delegated by the Department President to introduce to this Convention an idea of Captain Wallace Foster's. He has conceived the idea that a recognition badge would be a nice thing for the Relief Corps

of Indiana and he has designed this badge. The design was placed in my hands by Colonel Foster, but I am very sorry to say it has been forgotten. I can describe the badge so that you will know just about what it is. It is about the size of our bronze regular Relief Corps badge and the bar contains the word "Indiana" and the medallion has an ellipse instead of a cross and on the ellipse is engraved the design of the Soldiers Monument. It is a very nice design indeed. It will make a very neat badge. His idea is that this badge shall be worn when the ladies in this state shall be elsewhere, when those of this state are in attendance upon other Conventions. The idea seems a good one and I hope will meet with the approval of this Convention. Colonel Foster will have these badges prepared and placed in the hands of the Department Treasurer, from whom they may be circulated throughout the state for the price of 25 cents, or in any quantity a reduction of 10 percent on the regular price.

Mrs. Sulgrove:

Haven't we a right to wear our Relief Corps badge any place we choose to go.

Rose Pickering:

Mrs. President, I would just like to explain a little further. Sometimes when we are in attendance on the National Convention, we like to be recognized as Hoosiers. We like to know whether this sister is from Maine or California. We scan the badges to see where these people are from.

Agnes K. Hitt:

As it is the custom in all the Departments to have a badge representing the state and in many cases a permanent badge, it seems that it would be a good thing for Indiana to have one. They tell the members at once where a delegate is from. Therefore I move you that this Convention adopt this badge as a permanent badge of the Department of Indiana.

Seconded by Mrs. Ransford

Mrs. Stratton:

Does this mean that the Corps are to buy these badges, or is it optional?

Department President:

It is optional

Motion Carried.

The committee on Inspector's Report then submitted their report;

Mrs. President:

We your Committee on Inspector's Report respectfully submit the following:

We have carefully examined the Inspector's report, and feel that the work has been thoroughly and conscientiously performed and we approve the recommendation offered.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,  
 ELIZA J. CRISLER,  
 KATE A. JOHNSON.

Moved by Mary McElvain, seconded by S. E. Hoffbauer, Corps No. 168 that the report of the committee be accepted.

Motion carried.

Tellers report:

Whole number of votes cast.....	251
Necessary to a choice.....	126
Hubbert.....	82
Neal.....	169

The Department President then declared that Isabel Neal was duly elected Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Nominations being in order for the first member of the Executive Board, Rose Pickering, Corps 131, placed in nomination Emma Druly, Corps No. 131, seconded by Nettie Ransford.

The name of Bertha Strickler, Corps No. 131, was placed in nomination, but she withdrew her name and moved that nominations be closed and Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Emma Druly.

Seconded by Mary Swain, Corps No. 45. Carried.

The Department Secretary having cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Druly, she was declared duly elected First Member of the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

Mary McElvain nominated Belle W. Ephlin, Corps 107, seconded by Lola Calvert Corps No. 195.

Moved by Anna Tucker, Corps No. 72, seconded by Lizzie Spahr, Corps No. 20, that the Department Secretary be instructed to cast the entire vote of the Convention for Mrs. Ephlin. Carried.

The Secretary cast the vote of the Convention and Mrs. Ephlin was declared duly elected Second Member of the Executive Board.

Mary Swain, Corps No. 45 placed in nomination Kate Scott, Corps No. 45, as third member of the Board, seconded by Ruba G. Smith, Corps No. 20.

Moved by Rose Pickering, Corps No. 131, seconded by Minnie Brown that the secretary cast the entire vote of the Convention for Kate Scott as third member.

This having been done, Sarah Adair placed in nomination Laura Crider, Corps No. 200, as Fourth Member of the board, seconded by ———.

Moved by Ella D. Zinn, seconded by George H. Thomas Corps that the Secretary cast the entire ballot of the Convention for Laura Crider. Carried.

The Secretary having cast the vote of the Convention for Laura Cri-

der. Mrs. Alice Pike, Corps No. 112, nominated Josephine K. Thomas, Corps No. 112 as Fifth Member of the Executive Board. Seconded by Minnie Brown of Wabash.

Lola Calvert, Corps No. 195, seconded by Mrs. Whitlock of Noblesville, that the secretary cast the vote of the Convention for Josephine K. Thomas. Carried.

The Secretary having cast the ballot of Convention, Josephine K. Thomas was declared elected Fifth Member of the Executive Board.

Nominations being in order for Delegate-at-large to the National Convention, Mrs. McBride presented the name of Clara Hess of Westville, seconded by Agnes K. Hitt.

Sarah C. Mendenhall, Corps No. 26, seconded by Ella Stonebraker, Corps No. 72 nominated Lou M. Cox, Corps No. 54, Sheridan.

Nominations being closed and the ballots being distributed and collected, the tellers retired to count the ballots.

The Department Counselor then read the questions in the question box.

1. Should money be taken out of Corps Treasury to buy ribbon for private badges after it has become soiled?

Ans. No.

2. If a Corps charter contains a number of names of persons that were never initiated, never members at all, what is to become of the charter?

Ans. I would advise them to get a new charter and only have the names put on the charter that were members.

Tellers report.

Whole number of votes cast.....	220
Necessary to a choice .....	111
Hess .....	113
Cox .....	107

Mrs. Hess was duly elected Delegate-at-large.

Department President then announced that nominations were in order for Alternate-at-Large.

Moved by Ella D. Zinn, Corps No. 20, seconded by Sallie Schray, Corps No. 9, that the Department Secretary cast the entire vote of the Convention for Mrs. Cox for Alternate-at-large. Carried.

Lou M. Cox, Corps No. 54, was declared duly elected Alternate at large

Nominations were then in order for District delegates.

District No. 1, Elizabeth McMahan, Corps No. 103, Huntingburg.

“ “ 2, Mary C. Breen, “ “ 229, Vincennes.

“ “ 3, Not entitled.



District No. 4, Mary Merrett, Corps No. 199, Columbus.

" " 5, Caroline P. James, " " 3, Brazil.

" " 6, Alice Bainbridge, " " 68, Rushville.

" " 7, Not entitled.

" " 8, " "

" " 9, Emma McCord, " " 61, Veedersburg.

" " 10, Clara Griggs, " " 126, Goodland.

" " 11, Laura Kalter, " " 94, Kokomo.

" " 12, Sue W. Hart, " " 5, Elkhart.

" " 13, Not entitled, having delegate-at-large.

Moved by Hattie M. Hopkins, seconded by Ida Morrison Corps No. 43, that the Department Secretary cast the vote of the entire Convention for these delegates.

Motion carried and Secretary did so.

The nominations for Alternates were then in order.

District No. 1, Mattie Eberwine, Corps No. 18, Evansville.

" " 2, Kate Callahan, " " 135, Bedford.

" " 3, Not entitled.

" " 4, Hattie Dougall, " " 89.

" " 5, Mary J. Miller, " " 133, Terre Haute.

" " 6, Emily King, " " 194, Centerville.

" " 7, Not entitled.

" " 8, " "

" " 9, Lizzie Horton, " " 95, Hortonville.

" " 10, " Matchett, " " 120, Fowler.

" " 11, Laura Lower, " " 19, North Manchester.

" " 12, Lena Hess, " " 52, Garrett.

" " 13, Not entitled.

Moved by Melissa Caylor, seconded by Lizzie Spahr, Corps No. 20, that the secretary cast the entire vote of the Convention for the alternates as nominated. Carried and the alternates were declared duly elected.

The Vice-President having taken the chair, Agnes K. Hitt moved, seconded by Mary Sims, that the incoming Department President appoint a committee to present to Mrs. Schlater a testimonial of esteem.

Motion carried.

The Question Box was resumed.

3. Is there any law compelling Corps to pay their President's expenses to Department Conventions?

Ans. The decision found in the Digest of Decisions says that each Corps pay the traveling expenses of a delegate to the Department Convention.

4. Must the ladies of the W. R. C. march in the streets with the G.

**A. R. men on Memorial Day.**

Ans. That is left to the decision of the Corps.

5. If a Past Department President transfers her membership to another State, will she lose her vote in the National Convention?

Ans. By a decision of the 15th National Convention a member transferred from one Department to another may retain her honors and have a vote in the Department in which she holds her membership.

6. Do the color bearers carry the flag at the funerals of a member and a Comrade?

Ans. There is no law on that question, but I think we do not take any special part in a Comrade's funeral. In the flag work, never in any instance was there any thought of the flags being used anywhere but in our ritualistic work, never on the street.

7. Why are Corps required to report the number of sick visits made, also number of bouquets carried to same, if no recognition is given to these reports by the Department Convention?

Ans. The blank for quarterly reports calls for the number of sick visits made.

8. Is a delegate allowed only \$1.00 a day for expenses to Conventions or should she be allowed expenses for two days?

Ans. Nothing but traveling expenses is paid.

9. When the National President issue a General order should we or should we not hold a memorial service for a member out of this State?

Ans. It should be obeyed.

10. If the Department President issue a general order asking us to donate money for the soldiers' graves or for the Andersonville Prison Property Fund, do we have to send the money?

Ans. You do not have to send it. It is a voluntary contribution.

11. Can a lady join the W. R. C. in another town, if there are two Corps in her own town?

Ans. Yes.

12. Should Color Bearers perform their duties in joint installation with Post or public installation?

Ans. Certainly.

13. Can a Corps reject a loyal woman?

Ans. No.

14. Is it the rule for us to take our flags to the funerals of our sisters and comrades and should we carry our flags to the services on Memorial Day?

Ans. That question is answered above.

15. Under what head of business in the Corps does the Chairman of the Relief Committee ask for money

Ans. Under the head of new business.

16. Do the color bearers attend the altar at Installation of all officers.

Ans. Only when the President is installed.

17. Can a President of a Corps remove a Color Bearer without the vote of the Corps?

Ans. As it is an appointive office, she certainly could do it.

18. Can a member of the Ladies of the G. A. R. hold an important office in the W. R. C.

Ans. If she is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, it does not make any difference to what other Order she belongs and she is eligible to any office.

19. Can there be two Corps to the same Post and can we take money out of the General Fund and pay some young girls' way in our Corps?

Ans. No.

20. Can a member of the W. R. C. be a District President and never attend her Corps.

Ans. I do not know why it would keep her from being District President, although I would not recommend it.

21. If a member comes in the last of a quarter, must she pay the dues for the full quarter past.

Ans. Yes.

22. Is it right for a Corps President to take in members at \$1 per member and lend them a badge while they remain members of the Order.

Ans. No. Our initiation fee is \$1.50, which pays for initiation and a badge.

23. Has a Corps President any right to charge a member asking for a transfer card for the same?

Ans. No.

24. Has a Corps President any right to take a member back who is out on a transfer card without a regular application, according to Rules and Regulations?

Ans. No.

25. What is to be done with a Corps member who disregards the rules when placed on a committee, and does as she pleases, making debts pledging the Corps to pay them?

Ans. She can be removed by the President.

26. Is a member in good standing in the W. R. C. other than a delegate entitled to attendance in National Conventions?

Ans. The delegates to the National Convention go to the Convention for the purpose of attending to the business of the Convention. Anybody else has the privilege of doing so if they can go and if they have the National password. Only the delegates do the work of the Convention.

27. I would like to know if it is the proper thing to invite a convention and then visit among themselves to the annoyance and confusion of everyone present?

Ans. The delegates were invited by the citizens of Indianapolis to come here. (Some one moved that a vote of thanks be tendered for such a courteous question.)

28. Is it the President's place to take the work out of the Committee's hands?

Ans. No, not if the committee is doing its duty.

29. Are the members of the W. R. C. compelled to attend Memorial services?

Ans. No, but by your obligation to your Order and to the Post, you certainly ought to feel it your duty.

30. Must all the members go out on Decoration Day?

Ans. The above answer is good for this question also.

31. Does a past Corps President moving from one state to another lose her vote in Department Convention of the state to which she moves?

Ans. Previously answered.

32. Shall not the Post to which the Woman's Relief Corps is auxiliary recognize them on Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day and what shall be done, if not?

Ans. There isn't anything at all you could do. But certainly if the Post and Corps is working in harmony, they would.

33. When an officer comes in after roll call, can she be marked present?

Ans. If they come in late and have a reasonable excuse, they should be excused and marked present; if not, they should not be marked present.

34. If a Corps President is declared insane and is sent to the Asylum, what course should be pursued to fill the chair properly. Has the Secretary a right to send for a dispensation to satisfy 6 members and not bring it before the corps, and whose place is it to bring it before the corps?

Ans. The Senior-Vice President would have to fill the chair until they had their regular election.

35. Should a Corps disband and turn over to the Post what money and property to the Post which it is auxiliary to, except what belongs to the Department, and then can it reorganize soon? Is it the Posts duty to return same property to the re-organized Corps? Is it contrary to Rules and Regulations?

Ans. If the Department President thought it was the proper thing for the Corps to re-organize, they could do so. As to the Post's returning some of their property, that would be optional with the Post. It belongs to the Post and is subject to their decisions.



The Department President confirmed the answers given by the Department Counselor to the foregoing questions.

Moved by Mrs. Ransford, seconded by Mrs. Hampton Corps No. 20, that the minutes of the afternoon session be submitted to the Department Council for approval.

Carried.

Department President:

Next year the Department Encampment will be at Logansport. We will give you a most cordial welcome. We hope that everyone of you will be there, but I hope too that you will come determined to keep better order in the Convention than you have at this. You will be made welcome and we will be glad to have you.

I desire to thank the officers of this convention for the noble manner in which they have aided me.

If there is no further business to come before this convention we will proceed with the installation of the newly elected officers.

Agnes Hitt, Past National President, conducted the installation according to ritual, Nettie Rasnford acting as Chaplain and Mrs. Maria Schlater as conductor.

Mrs. Burr announced the following officers:

Secretary, Hettie Forkner, Anderson.

Inspector, Julia Smith, South Bend.

Counselor, Eliza J. Crisler, Greensburg.

I. & I. Officer, Alice Youkey, Lafayette.

Patriotic Instructor, Ella Nye, Liberty.

The officers above named and the officers previously elected having been installed, the Department President, Mrs. Burr, said:

Mrs. Hitt, I thank you very much for the manner in which you have installed these officers, and I wish to assure you all that we will do our best not to dissappoint you. Ladies of the Department of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps:

I salute you. I am sorry that I am not better acquainted with you all, but I hope to be better acquainted with you before the end of the year. I fully appreciate this business and what has come to me, and I hope that you will not be disappointed in any of my rulings. But I want to say that the President cannot make a success if she does not have your hearty co-operation and good will and I hope each President of the Corps will work to keep harmony in her own Corps. The Department of Indiana will now have headquarters at Anderson, and I thank you and will not take up any more of your time.

Department President:

I now declare the Seventeenth Department Convention closed.

## First Council Meeting.

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TERRE HAUTE, May 25, 1899.

The Department Council met in room 50 Hotel Filbeck immediately after the installation of new officers. The Council was called to order by the Department President, Maria L. Schlater. The minutes of the afternoon session were read by Minnie Brown and approved by a motion from Etta Houk, Department Inspector, and seconded by Marie Koehler.

Carried.

The members of the Executive Board who were present selected the Auditing committee as follows:

Blanche Gould, chairman, Flora Smith, Belle Bell.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

MARIA L. SCHLATER,

Department President:

LIZZIE W. BROWN,

Department Secretary.

INDIANAPOLIS, May, 15, 1900.

The second meeting of the Department Council was held at 7:30 o'clock, in room 161, Hotel English with the following members present:

Department President, Maria L. Schlater.

“ Senior Vice President, Mary A. McElvain.

“ Junior “ “ Mary Wilson.

“ Counselor, Melissa Caylor.

“ Secretary, Lizzie W. Brown.

“ Treasurer, Belle Nash.

“ Inspector, Etta E. Houk.

“ Instituting and Installing officer, Lola Calvert.

Member of Executive Board, Belle Bell.

The meeting was called to order by Department President, and the

minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Schlater reported nine Corps disbanded and asked what should be done with the effects of these Corps, as so much of the matter was useless to either Corps or Department. Melissa Caylor moved and was properly seconded, that all books be destroyed that were useless, and all which could be used carefully preserved.

Carried.

The Auditing Committee reported finding the books correct.

Lola Calvert made a motion, seconded by Mary A. McElvain that the Department President be sustained in all her work of the year.

Carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
Department Secretary.

## Deaths.

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Mary J. Coddington, Nelson Trusler, No. 46,	June 11, 1899.
Elizabeth Cadwallader, McPherson No. 74,	August 26, 1899.
Lizzie Liter,	" " April 8, 1899.
Eva Krugg,	" " Jan. 4, 1899.
Margaret Lizenby, Geo. Ridlen,	" 195, Sept. 1899.
Matilda Davis, "Pap" Thomas,	" 113, August 19, 1899.
Nellie Beard, S. C. Aldrich,	" 210, October 17, 1899.
Sarah C. Kintz, Morton,	" 11, Jan. 11, 1899.
Sophia Lutz,	" " Feb. 3, 1899.
Caroline Todd, Berlin,	" 186, Dec. 24, 1899.
Electa Wintzell, Ben North,	" 89, Oct. 18, 1899.
Ezelda T. Bates, Wm. Cuppy,	" 173, Jan. 5, 1899.
Francis A. Morrow, Boothroyd,	" 97, Nov. 10, 1899.
Gertrude Dragoo, William Smith,	" 54, Feb. 3, 1900.
Sarah A. Avery, Maj. Ropt. Anderson, No. 44,	March 30, 1899.
Martha J. Perdue,	" " " " Oct. 12, 1899.
Emma Peck,	" " " " Dec. 27, 1899.
Julia McDaniel, Oliver Short, No. 98,	Feb. 5, 1900.
Lizzie Young, Boothroyd, No. 97,	August 7, 1900.
Ann Alexander Frazee, Joel Wolfe, No. 68,	Feb. 26, 1900.
Mary Robinson, Henry Chipman,	" 162, Jan. 5, 1900.
Charlette Baumgartner, Stansbury,	" 154, Feb. 28, 1900.
Nancy Hickman, Henry Chipman,	" 162, Jan. 28, 1900.
Joanna Z. Warrick, W. S. Hancock,	" 61, March 28, 1900.
Maria Catterlin, Stone River,	" 84, " 14, 1900.
Ellen T. Carter, Nelson Trusler,	" 46, Dec. 20, 1899.
Elizabeth Miller, Morton,	" 11, April 18, 1900.
Colonzo Webb, Sanderson,	" 9, Jan. 29, 1900.



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Tennie King, Duvall,	" 60, Nov. 24, 1899.
Marie Creek, Duvall,	" 60, May 23, 1899.
Sarah J. Jackson, Sanderson,	" 9, Jan. 19, 1900.
Miriam E. Nebeker, Auten,	" 14, June 24, 1899
Hattie Stimson, Auten,	" " Oct. 16, 1899.
Almyra Pyke, "	" " Dec. 13, 1899.
Paulina Tompkins, Joel Wolfe,	" 68, July 13, 1899.
Elizabeth Blish, Ellsworth,	" 183, Jan 23, 1900.
Maria Evans, Cicero,	" 26, Jan. 24, 1900.
Fannie Hudson, James C. Veatch,	" 102, May 8, 1899.
Lephia Mackey, James C. Veatch,	" " June 10, 1899.
May Leavens, Geo. W. Rader,	" 131, March 18, 1900.
Susan Julien, Elmer,	" 15, March 12, 1900.
—— Nash, Elmer,	" " " 19, 1900.
Tillie Stuck, Elmer,	" " Feb. 19, 1900.
Rose Jordon, Geo. H. Chapman,	" 10, March 31, 1900.
Sarah J. Mitchell, Geo. H. Chapman,	" 10, April 3d, 1900.
Guila Pyle, E. T. Wood,	" 33, Jan. 2, 1900.
Sarah J. Winter, Morton,	" 11, April 9, 1900.
Clara Jackson, William Smith,	" 54, " 3d, 1900.
Ella Mason, Joel Wolfe,	" 68, April 5, 1900.
Catherine Craig, John F. Ruckle,	" 40.
Mary Alexander, E. C. Newland,	" 135, March 11, 1900.

## General Orders.

Received.....1899.  
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 Filed .....1899.  
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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
 WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
 No. 1. }

LOGANSFORT, IND., May 31st, 1899.

I. Having been elected President of the Department of Indiana for the ensuing year, I hereby assume the duties and responsibilities of the office.

I wish to thank the members of the Sixteenth Department Convention for the honor bestowed in electing me to the office, and earnestly desire the hearty co-operation and support of every member of the Department in the advancement and upbuilding of our Order.

II. Headquarters are established at 918 Broadway, Logansport, Indiana.

III. Corps Chaplains will forward promptly through their Corps Presidents, the Memorial Day Reports, to Martha H. Little, Greencastle, Indiana.

Revised editions of the Red Book are now ready, and all orders for same can be promptly filled at headquarters.

By Command of

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
 Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
 Department Secretary.

Received..... 1899.

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..... Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 2. }

LOGANSPORT, IND., June 17, 1899.

I. At the Sixteenth Department Convention held at Terre Haute, May 24th and 25th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, Maria L. Schlater, Logansport.  
Senior Vice-President, Mary A. McElvain, Terre Haute.  
Junior Vice-President, Mary Wilson, Seymour.  
Treasurer, Belle Nash, Logansport.  
Chaplain, Martha H. Little, Greencastle.

The appointed officers are:

Secretary, Lizzie W. Brown, Logansport.  
Inspector, Etta E. Houk, Westfield.  
Counselor, Melissa Caylor, Noblesville,  
Instituting and Installing Officer, Lola Calvert, Scottsburg.  
Department Press Correspondent, Samantha West Miller, Indianapolis.

These officers, both elected and appointed, having entered upon their respective duties, will be obeyed accordingly.

The following Delegates and Alternates were elected to National Convention.

Delegate-at-Large, Minnie McKeown, Anderson, Ind.

Alternate-at-Large, Laura Warner, Fowler, Ind.

## DELEGATES.

## ALTERNATES.

1st. Rebecca Schreeder, Evansville.	Kate Stormont, Princeton.
2nd. Eliza Board, Linton.	Lulu Edgmon, Jeffersonville.
3rd. Martha Telle, Salem.	Irene B. Hawley, Columbus.
4th. Harriet Hannberg, Rising Sun.	Alice Bainbridge, Rushville.
5th. Alice C. Lamar, Richmond.	Della Graham, Indianapolis.
6th. Ella D. Zinn, Indianapolis.	Alice Waugh, Tipton.
7th. Anna Tucker, Noblesville.	Elizabeth Powers, Rensselaer.
8th. Alice Youkey, Lafayette.	Jennie H. Collins, Columbia City.

- 9th. Mary E. Beidler, Waterloo. Minnie A. Porter, Montpelier.  
 10th. Clara E. Root, Michigan City. Augusta Hart, Laporte.

VISITING COMMITTEE TO THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS'  
 ORPHANS' HOME.

Rebecca Sulgrove, Indianapolis.  
 Laura S. Burr, Anderson.  
 Lou S. Havens, Rushville.

COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC TEACHING.

Eliza J. Crisler, Greensburg.  
 Minnie Brown, Wabash.  
 Bertha Strickler, Middletown.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL HISTORY.

Laura Hess, Indianapolis.	Loretta Gorsuch, South Bend.
Jennie Myerhoff, Evansville.	Ida S. McBride, Indianapolis.
Mary A. Sims, Frankfort.	Nettie Ransford, Indianapolis.
Mary J. Hadley, Danville.	

COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONIAL TO PAST PRESIDENT.

Agnes Hitt, Indianapolis.  
 Mary A. Sims, Frankfort.  
 Melissa Caylor, Noblesville.

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Chief of Staff, Mary J. Davis, Michigan City.

Mary J. Miller, Terre Haute.	Eva Pierson, Liberty.
Mary Tingle, Richmond.	Bessie Miller, Indianapolis.
Susie Sharp, Peru.	Jennie Sherwin, Russiaville.
Abbie Gibson, Huntington.	Elsie Squires, Elkhart.
Sarah C. White, Rockville.	Mary E. Turpin, Indianapolis.
Marion French, Pittsboro.	Margaret Glenn, Greensburg.
Mary Braddock, Wheeling.	Bell Jenkins, Delphi.

Additional Aids will be announced.

II. Corps having made any change, either in the office of President, Secretary or Treasurer since the election returns were sent to headquarters, are requested to notify the Department Secretary at once so that every corps may be correctly represented in the new roster, which is now being compiled.

III. Corps Treasurers, in sending orders for supplies, must remit



sufficient amount to cover postage for same. Already several orders have been received with no postage enclosed. Corps whose orders are not promptly attended to will know the reason why. It not only means extra work but extra expense as well.

IV. Corps Chaplains, who have not already done so, will immediately forward their Memorial Day Reports to the Department Chaplain, Martha H. Little, Greencastle.

V Corps Presidents must not overlook the responsibility resting upon them in the careful examination of Corps Secretary and Treasurer's Reports before forwarding them to the Department Secretary. Let it be the pride of every Corps President to place her corps upon the Roll of Honor.

The new Department Pass Word, and National General Orders, No. 8, accompanies this order.

By command of

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
Department Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 3. }

LOGANSPOUT, IND., July 14, 1899.

1. The following decisions were promulgated by the XVth Department Convention:

I. That one Candidate for delegate and one for alternate to the National Convention, be selected from each District in caucus after assembling at the Department Convention, the same to be presented to the Convention for election.

II. That an Assistant Inspector shall be appointed from each district, who, in turn, shall nominate the necessary number of assistants for the District, subject to the approval of the Department President.

Corps with a membership in excess of twenty-five shall have the In-

spector's traveling expenses apportioned among the Corps inspected. Corps with a less number than twenty-five members shall have the traveling expenses paid by the Department.

The Department Inspector shall appoint Inspectors for the Indianapolis Corps from Indianapolis, and the Corps shall contribute according to their ability toward the inspection expenses of the Department.

III. That after this year a Roster of the Corps in the Department shall be issued immediately after the Corps officers are installed in January of each year, and that a Roster of Department officers shall be issued after the Department Convention.

IV. That the practice of introducing the Past Department Officers at Department Conventions be discontinued.

V. That each Corps in the Department be requested to give an entertainment sometime during the year, the proceeds to go to the Andersonville Prison Fund.

VI. That the Committee of Arrangements in the city which next entertains the Department Convention be requested to have the welcome address given at the evening reception before the day of the Convention.

VII. That no change be made in the flag salute now in use in the schools of Indiana.

2. Following is a corrected list of delegates and alternates to National Convention.

DELEGATE AT LARGE.  
Minnie McKeown, Anderson, Ind.

ALTERNATE AT LARGE.  
Laura Warner, Fowler, Ind.

DELEGATES.  
Rebecca Schreeder, Evansville.  
Eliza Board, Linton.  
Martha Telle, Salem.  
Harriet Hannberg, Rising Sun.  
Alice Lamar, Richmond.  
Ella D. Zinn, Indianapolis.  
Anna Tucker, Noblesville.  
Alice Youkey, Lafayette.  
Mattie Beidler, Waterloo.  
Clara E. Root, Michigan City.

ALTERNATES.  
Kate S. Tormont, Princeton.  
Minnie A. Porter, Montpelier.  
Lulie Edgman, Jeffersonville.  
Irene B. Hawley, Columbus.  
Alice Bainbridge, Rushville.  
Della Graham, Indianapolis.  
Alice Waugh, Tipton.  
Elizabeth Powers, Rensselaer.  
Jennie H. Collins, Cambridge City.  
Augusta Hart, Laporte.

3. The Fifteenth National Convention having abolished the Committee on Patriotic Teaching, and placed this branch of our work in the hands of a Patriotic Instructor, the Committee will therefore be discontinued. By virtue of the power in me vested, I hereby appoint Eliza J. Crisler, Greensburg, Department Patriotic Instructor.

The Patriotic Instructor may appoint as many assistants as she deems advisable, in order to carry on the work in the most systematic and satisfactory manner, as this is fast becoming the most important factor in our

Department work, and one that will redound more to the credit and glory of our beloved Order. The work should be placed in the hands of competent, conscientious and loyal women.

Assistant Patriotic Instructors will be announced in next General Orders.

4. District Presidents will communicate to Headquarters the dates for holding their District Conventions, as soon as the same has been determined, and also to communicate the same to Assistant Adjutant-General R. M. Smock, at Department Headquarters, G. A. R., Room 25, State House, Indianapolis. Arrangements for Reunions and Joint Camp Fires can in this way be made by the Department Commanders. District Presidents will in this way greatly assist in perfecting arrangements for these occasions that are productive of so much good to both Orders.

Let the District Presidents call their Conventions as soon after National Convention as possible, and by timely correspondence with one another there will be no need of conflicting dates. October 18th has already been asked for by District No. 13. Senior Vice-President Mary A. McIlvaine, Terre Haute, having charge of the District work, will answer all communications pertaining to same.

## DISTRICT PRESIDENTS.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT.	PLACE OF MEETING.
No. 1. Mary Brinkman, of Mt. Vernon.....	Evansville.
No. 2. Josie Rosengarten, of Martinsville.....	Bedford.
No. 3. Maggie M. Pennington, of New Albany.....	Scottsburg.
No. 4. Belle Lemon, of Rising Sun.....	Columbus.
No. 5. Mary Wimer, of Terre Haute.....	Rockville.
No. 6. Susan Lemon, of Knightstown.....	Knightstown.
No. 7. Olive Miller, of Brownsburg.....	Indianapolis.
No. 8. Lydia Cline, of Jonesboro.....	Anderson.
No. 9. Lou Cox, of Sheridan.....	Noblesville.
No. 10. Sarah Northup, of Clark's Hill.....	Remington.
No. 11. Emma Gochenor, of Reann.....	Wabash.
No. 12. Francis C. Palmer, of Ligonier.....	Columbia City.
No. 13. Flora A. Smith, of Bremen.....	Bremen.

5. Corps President will bear in mind that at the first regular meeting in August, delegates are elected to the District Convention in the following ratio. Corps of thirteen members or less, one delegate. Corps of twenty-five members two delegates. Corps of fifty members four delegates, and so on—two delegates for every twenty-five members, and one more for a final fraction of over one-half.

6. The Seventeenth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., September 4th to 9th, 1899. Headquar-

ters of this Department will be at the Continental Hotel, rooms 53 and 54. Further information will be given in next General Order.

Delegates who have been elected to the National Convention, who find that they will be unable to attend, will notify the Department Secretary, that vacancies may be filled.

7. The following additional aides are announced:

Jennie Hutchinson	Crawfordsville
Melissa Emry	Westfield
Carrie Radabaugh	Logansport
Nancy Hazelton	Richmond
Romaine Armstrong	Indianapolis
Edwina Getty	Logansport
Ella Griggs	Goodland
Lulu Harrill	North Manchester
Margaret Deacon	New Carlisle
Maggie Murphy	Evansville
Anna Gay	Ft. Wayne
— White	Lafayette
Ellen Stonebraker	Noblesville
Mattie J. Enlow	Rockport
Minnie Higbee	Logansport

Department aides will procure their badges through their Corps Treasurers, from the Department Treasurer. Every year the Department sustains a loss in the failure of the aides to return their badges, and I am sure every aide ought to feel a sufficient pride in the wearing of the red ribbon to purchase her own badge. Aides should not consider their appointment as simply "Honorary." It is their duty to look after the interests of our Department and do every thing possible for the upbuilding of our Order, to assist in the organization of new Corps, in helping the weaker ones, and familiarizing themselves with the work so that they may be ready whenever called upon by the Department President, to render such service as she may require.

The following Corps are placed upon the

ROLL OF HONOR.

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 78, 81, 83, 84, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 124, 125, 126, 129, 130, 131,



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8. Reports for the quarter have been returned promptly, with but few exceptions, but I must still urge greater vigilance on the part of Corps Presidents in the examination of reports; the majority of errors made are from pure carelessness and Corps Presidents are responsible for the same.

All money orders or checks for per capita tax must be made payable to the Department Treasurer and not the Department Secretary as too often is done.

9. The Journal of the twentieth annual session of the department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, has been received at Department Headquarters through the kindness of R. M. Smock, A. A. G., G. A. R.

10. Jabez Farrington Corps No. 197, Jerome, disbanded June 1, 1899.

By command of

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
Department Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA. }  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 4. }

LOGANSPOUT, IND., Aug. 11, 1899.

1. The Seventeenth National Convention will be held in Philadelphia, September 4th to 9th, 1899. Headquarters of the Department of

Indiana. W. R. C.. will be at the Continental Hotel, rooms 53 and 54.

Through the courtesy of A. A. G., R. M. Smock. I am enabled to furnish the following information concerning rates and routes to Philadelphia.

The railroad rates from Indianapolis are as follows:

- (a) Round trip over the same line, without any stop-over, \$14.55.
- (b) Round trip over the same line, with one stop-off going and one returning, east of Pittsburg and Erie, Pa., Huntington and Parkersburg, W. Va., Buffalo, Suspension Bridge and Salamanca, N. Y., \$17.50.
- (c) Round trip, going over one road and returning over another, with stop-over privileges in each direction, \$19.50 and corresponding rates for each class of tickets, from all points in the state. Persons desiring to go by diverse routes must make it known when tickets are purchased. Tickets good going September 1st to 4th inclusive; good to return up to September 12th, which may be extended to September 30th, by depositing tickets with Joint Agent, at Philadelphia.

The Department commander has selected the Pennsylvania and Vandalia Lines as the official route, and with the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and members of their official staffs, will leave Indianapolis on Sunday, September 3d, 1899, at 2:30 o'clock, p. m., and will run through without change of cars, arriving in Philadelphia at 12 o'clock noon the next day. All comrades and their friends who desire to go over this road are cordially invited to join the headquarters train. Sleeping car rates from Indianapolis to Philadelphia will be \$5.00 per berth, or \$10 a section, which will accommodate four persons, and all who desire sleeping car accommodations should write to W. W. Richardson, District Passenger Agent of said road, at No. 50 West Washington street, Indianapolis, not later than August 20th, in order that provision may be made for them.

Everything points to a largely attended Encampment. The local committees are sparing neither time nor expense in preparing to give the visitors a royal reception, in addition to the many attractions at Philadelphia. Side trips have been arranged by all railroads to many places of interest, viz: New York City, Baltimore, Washington, Gettysburg, Atlantic City, Cape May, Long branch, Old Point Comfort, and many other historical places.

Headquarters of Department of Indiana will be opened Tuesday morning, September 5th. All comrades, and members of the Woman's Relief Corps, and friends will be cordially welcomed.

Delegates will report at Headquarters as soon as possible. A reception will be given by the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps, at Indiana Headquarters, Tuesday evening, September 5th. All are cordially invited to attend this reception.

2. The Corps in this Department will be inspected during the months

of September, October and November. Corps Presidents will make it their special care to have all books and records of the year's work from September 1st, 1898, to September 1st 1899, in readiness that the work of the Assistant Inspector may not be delayed.

Remember the decision of the Sixteenth Department Convention, relative to the expenses of Inspector. All Corps with a membership in excess of twenty-five will be apportioned their share of the expense.

The work of inspection has been arranged as follows, by the Department Inspector, Etta E. Houk, who will inspect the following Corps—Nos. 13, 33, 41, 46, 47, 63, 67, 77, 87, 104, 113, 116, 119, 121, 124, 128, 131, 137, 138, 143, 159, 179, 195, 200, 219.

Maria L. Schlater—Nos. 8, 20, 30, 62, 70, 88, 94, 117, 132, 225.

Agnes Hitt—Nos. 10, 40, 43, 44, 61, 64, 74, 112, 118, 168, 196, 206, 231.

Loretta Gorsuch—Nos. 36, 161, 165, 166, 167, 186, 226.

Eliza J. Crisler—Nos. 6, 51, 89, 93, 183, 190, 198, 199, 215, 227, 228.

Mary D. Travis—Nos. 22, 26, 35, 54, 71, 72, 78, 83, 95, 105, 108, 125,

201.

Lola Calvert—Nos. 9, 12, 38, 185, 218.

Mattie S. Hobbs—Nos. 28, 135, 233.

Emma Gochenour—Nos. 19, 110, 140, 162, 163, 173, 177, 187.

Edna Foster—Nos. 34, 42, 57, 81, 114.

Mary A. Davis—Nos. 1, 14, 16, 24, 48, 83, 130, 136, 148.

Fanny Palmer—Nos. 2, 5, 7, 15, 27, 29, 37, 52, 58, 59, 91, 111, 149, 209,

210, 211.

Ethel Utley—Nos. 18, 31, 102, 103, 132, 146, 176, 212.

Lottie R. Butler—Nos. 4, 90, 92, 106, 153, 155, 169, 188, 216, 239, 234.

Sarah C. White—Nos. 3, 11, 23, 107, 115, 133, 144, 175, 203, 205, 234.

Belle W. Ephlin—Nos. 21, 180, 184, 221.

Margaret Iredell—Nos. 60, 96, 100, 134, 151, 194.

Kate A. Johnson—Nos. 25, 68.

Agnes Perry—Nos. 39, 97, 98, 120, 126, 127, 129, 142, 150, 182, 191, 192,

214, 220.

Mary Biglow—Nos. 32, 154, 224.

3. I would urge all Corps that are not already supplied with flags, to procure them at once. The new flag service that has added so greatly to our work, in making it impressive and beautiful, should be used by every Corps in the Department. Corps that feel they cannot invest in silk flags, can be supplied with cotton ones, very pretty, for the moderate sum of \$3.50.

4. It will be necessary to again call the attention of the Corps Treasurers to the fact that the figures in red ink on their reports, must not be changed.

5. Frank Beitzell Corps, No. 194, Centerville, was for some unaccount-

table reason omitted on the Roll of Honor. I take great pleasure in correcting this error.

6. All orders for supplies must be sent to Headquarters on or before August 29th. Headquarters will be closed from September 1st to September 18th, inclusive. Corps Treasurers will bear this in mind.

8. Dates have been received for District Conventions as follows:

No. 1. Sept. 21st.	No. 5. Sept. 28th.	No. 9.
No. 2. Sept. 20th.	No. 6. Oct. 11th.	No. 10.
No. 3. Nov. 8th.	No. 7. Oct. 19th.	No. 11.
No. 4. Oct. 26.	No. 8. Oct. 10th.	No. 12. Oct. 6.
	No. 13. Oct. 18th.	

District Presidents will communicate to A. A. G., R. M. Smock, the date of their convention that arrangements can be made for camp fires and entertainments.

Corps Secretaries will immediately after election of delegates to District Convention, forward their names and P. O. address to District Presidents.

9. Connersville Corps, No. 25, sent a contribution of \$1.75 for the Andersonville Prison Fund.

10. Delegates to National Convention have not all reported. It is necessary that this shall be attended to so that all vacancies may be filled.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The following Order of Business will be observed at the District Conventions:

#### MORNING SESSION, 9.00 A. M.

Opening of Convention.  
 Address of Welcome.  
 Response by visiting Members.  
 Appointment of Committees.  
 Report of National Delegate.  
 Roll Call of Members.  
 Report of Credential Committee.  
 Reports from Corps.  
 Announcements.  
 Adjournment for Dinner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 1.00 p. m.

Election of District President.  
 Exemplification of Ritual by Entertaining Corps.



Drill on Quarterly Reports.  
 Opening of Question Box.  
 Selection of Place of Next Meeting.  
 Reports of Committees.  
 Miscellaneous Business.  
 Reading of Minutes of Convention.  
 Adjournment.

# 11. ASSISTANT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS.

District No.	1.	Ethel Cartwright, 18,	Evansville
"	2.	Marie J. Spicely, 92,	Bloomington
"	3.	Elmira J. Durbin, 9,	New Albany
"	4.	Irene B. Hawley, 199,	Columbus
"	5.	Belle W. Ephlin, 107,	Tangier
"	6.	Bertha Strickler, 131,	Middletown
"	7.	Dicie Messick, 64	Greenfield
"	8.	Eva Ginger, 33,	Ridgeville
"	9.	Mary D. Travis, 74,	Crawfordsville
"	10.	Alice Youkey, 142,	LaFayette
"	11.	Minnie Brown, 8,	Wabash
"	12.	Nannie Ross, 94,	Kokomo
"	13.	Bessie Burns, 14,	South Bend

# 12. The following additional aides have been appointed—

Anna Heward, Corps 81,	Star City
Anna Finch, Corps 30,	Logansport
Sadie Nye, Corps 121,	Lynn
Frances Palmer, Corps 154,	Ligonier
Kate Scott, Corps 45,	Richmond

National General Orders No. 9 are enclosed.

Strict attention should be given this General Order as it contains full and explicit information regarding National Convention, and will be of great benefit to delegates and members who contemplate going.

Veteran Corps No. 79, disbanded July 31st, 1899.

By command of

MARIA L. SCHLATER.  
 Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
 Department Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 5. }

LOGANSPOUT, IND., Oct. 5, 1899.

1. The Seventeenth National Convention closed September 7, after one of the most interesting and delightful sessions, and Indiana again rejoices in having shared the honors, Mrs. Melissa Caylor, of Noblesville, having been appointed National Inspector.

2. Changes in the work of inspection, as first planned, have been necessary. Mrs. Emma Gochenour, assistant inspector of District No. 11, being unable to serve, the work has been divided with the Department President and assistant Inspector Edna Foster—the following will be observed.

The Department President will inspect Corps Nos. 8, 20, 30, 62, 70, 88, 94, 117, 132, 225, 19, 162, 163, 140.

Edna Foster—Nos. 34, 42, 57, 81, 114, 110, 117, 187.

3. The time of holding District Conventions is now at hand. Let Corps Presidents make it their special duty to see that all representatives are in attendance. We hope for unusual zeal in the work this year, and that great benefit may be derived not only to ourselves, but to the Order we love; let us make them schools of instruction, not only in name, but reality.

Mrs. Grace Oswald has been appointed President of District No. 11, Emma Gochenour having resigned on account of illness.

4. Changes have made in Assistant Patriotic Instructors. In District No. 1, Syren W. Scott, No. 31, Princeton, has been appointed. District No. 7, Josephine K. Thomas, No. 112, Danville. District No. 10, Laura B. Warner, No. 120, Fowler.

5. With the return of autumn comes the "gentle reminder" of a sad sweet duty, which has been the privilege of the Comrades of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps to perform these many years—our Christmas contributions to the motherless boys and girls at the Knights-town Home. Let our offerings be generous and cheerfully given and let us

do what we can to make them happy the coming Christmas Tide." All Corps contributing will send money to Department Treasurer Belle Nash.

6. To Wallace Foster, the Department President, Secretary and Treasurer, feel especially grateful for the beautiful Oleographs, containing Origin and History of the Flag, sent them. Our sincere thanks and hearty appreciation of same we take pleasure in acknowledging through these General Orders.

7. I again call attention to Decision No. 5, Sixteenth Department Convention, that each Corps give an entertainment sometime during the year, for the benefit of Andersonville Prison Fund. Let this request receive the early consideration of Corps Presidents.

8. The Simon Miller Corps No. 187, Akron, Fulton county, have suffered a severe loss by fire, their entire Corps property being destroyed. I appeal to every Corps in this Department in their behalf. They are ambitious and energetic withal, and anxious to start anew. Let us give them a helping hand. Any donations sent to the Secretary, Cora Thum, will be gratefully received and appreciated.

9. Donations to the Andersonville Prison Fund have been received from the following Corps: George H. Chapman, No. 10, \$5.00; James H. Emmet, No. 8, \$2.00; Simon Miller, No. 187, Akron, \$2.00.

10. I trust that all Corps may feel especially interested in the circular letter from the Elizabeth Ross Monument Association, and assist in furthering this most worthy cause by contributing to this Fund.

11. Simonson Corps, No. 236, was organized at Churubusco, August 26, 1899, with twenty-six charter members.

12. The following Corps are placed upon the

#### ROLL OF HONOR:

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 77, 78, 81, 83, 84, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111, 213, 114, 115, 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 142, 143, 144, 146, 148, 149, 150, 151, 154, 155, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 165, 166, 168, 173, 75, 177, 179, 180, 183, 184, 186, 183, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 199, 201, 205, 206, 209, 210, 212, 214, 215, 219, 220, 221, 222, 224, 224, 224, 226, 229, 233, 234, 235, 236.

13. National General order No. 1, and National Password accompany

these General Orders.

By command of

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
Department Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 6. }

LOGANSFORT, IND., NOV. 8, 1899.

1. The work of inspection is progressing well, and as the limit for its completion, November 30th, is drawing near, I must urge that the Assistant Inspectors push the work as fast as possible. An extension of time may be granted for just and sufficient reasons. Not all of the inspectors understand that one of their reports must be sent to the Department Inspector and one to Department Headquarters. All bills for inspection expenses must be sent to the Department Treasurer, Belle Nash. These include Corps only having less than twenty-five in membership.

2. Laura S. Burr, of Anderson, will inspect the following Corps—Nos. 13, 33, 41, 45, 46, 47, 63, 67, 77, 87, 116, 119, 121, 124, 128, 137, 143, 159, 179, 200, 219, 232.

Mary J. Hadley, of Indianapolis, will inspect George H. Thomas Corps, No. 20.

Lola Calvert being unable on account of ill health to serve, the work has been assigned Mattie S. Hobbs, of Salem, who will inspect the following Corps—9, 12, 38, 185, 218.

3. The annual election of officers will occur at the first regular meeting in December. It is the duty of Corps Secretaries to notify in writing



all members of the Corps, of this election. Corps Presidents will see that Article VII, Chapter II, is read and explained to the Corps, also Article II, Chapter III, in order that members may vote intelligently. Let every individual member feel particularly interested in the coming election.

4. The President of the United States has issued the proclamation that Thursday, November 30th, be observed as a day of national Thanksgiving. Truly we have just cause to feel thankful, not only for the preservation of our beloved Order, but for its advancement and progress during the past year; for the noble charities we have disbursed, and for the grand work accomplished by our "Flower Mission" in the distribution of roses and carnations to sick and weary sufferers. Many sad hearts have been gladdened and cheerless homes brightened by these fragrant and beautiful flowers.

Let the Relief Committee furnish well filled baskets to those in their charge, and see that no soldier's mother, wife or child be allowed to go hungry on this joyous Thanksgiving day.

5. In a recent communication from one of the Board of Trustees of Soldier's and Sailors' Orphans Home at Knightstown, is contained the following suggestion:

The Board of Trustees realizing the need of pictures in the school rooms, dormitories, division rooms and cottages at the Home, for the benefit of the children, and their pleasure, as well, suggest that a portion of the fund expended each year by the Woman's Relief Corps in the purchase of Christmas gifts for the children, be applied to the purchase of suitable pictures. The suggestion is a very wise one and will be placed in the hands of the Visiting Committee for their consideration. I would be glad if every Corps in the Department would feel interested in this matter. Many of our members no doubt have pictures in their homes that they would willingly donate.

6. Samantha West Miller having resigned the office of Press Correspondent, Lizzie V. Spahr has been appointed her successor. Corps Presidents or members of the Order desiring to have published any items of interest either social, or otherwise, or announcements, will forward the same to Lizzie V. Spahr, 1716 Ash St. Indianapolis.

7. Department Aides have not all procured their badges; should their commissions be not forthcoming, the reason will be evident. I must urge greater vigilance in the performance of their duty in the upbuilding and extension of our Order. I trust that through their efforts during the coming quarter many requests for applications for charters may be received.

8. In last General Order I requested that all donations to the Simon Miller Corps, of Akron, No. 187, be sent to Cora Thum, Secretary. I now request that all donations be sent to Belle Nash, Department Treasurer.

9. Any Past officer entitled to a copy of Journal of 16th Department Convention, not having received it, will please notify Department Secretary Lizzie W. Brown; or any member desiring a copy, by sending five cents postage will receive one.

10. National General Orders, No. 2, are enclosed, also circular letter of Patriotic Instructor, Eliza J. Crisler. The Decisions of Seventeenth National Convention should be given a careful reading, they are both interesting and instructive.

11. Corps are not sending their donation to the Christmas Fund as promptly as they should. I regret that I omitted our Wards at the Home for the Feeble Minded, at Fort Wayne. Several donations have been received, however, for the Fund, for which I am grateful.

12. Donations to the Andersonville Prison Fund have been received from the following Corps—Goodland, No. 126, \$1.05; Paul E. Slocum, No. 92, \$4.30. Donations to the Elizabeth Ross Monument Fund—Erwin, No. 107, \$1.00, Gen. John A. Logan, No. 19, \$1.00.

By command of

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
Department Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, }  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 7. }

LOGANSPOUT, IND., Dec. 1, 1899.

1. There has been no new ruling in the decision of the Sixteenth Annual

Convention regarding the notification of members in writing of the election of Corps officers. The error was noted, but too late to be recalled.

2. The installation of new Officers for the year 1900 will take place at the first Regular meeting in January, or at a special meeting called for the purpose during the month. As a means of arousing deeper interest between the Post, Sons of Veterans and Ladies' Aid Societies, joint installations with these orders are advised. Also public Installations are recommended as a means of awakening interest and zeal in our work among persons not members of our Order.

3. The newly elected officers shall select the Installing officer, who with the President shall make all necessary arrangements for installation, and immediately report the same to Department Secretary Lizzie W. Brown.

Corps Election Blanks, Form L., are enclosed. The installing officer of each Corps will promptly attend to the filling out of these blanks, and see that it is promptly and correctly done, attested to and signed by the retiring Corps President, and forwarded to the Department Secretary.

Corps Secretaries will forward to the Department Secretary Lizzie W. Brown, Logansport, Ind., the names and postoffice addresses of the Corps Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, also the time and place of meeting of their respective Corps. It is important that this work be accurately done, that the names of incoming officers be correctly given and spelled, and the same promptly forwarded to the Department Secretary, that the new Roster, to be issued immediately after the installation of the officers in January, be entirely correct and the mailing list changed accordingly.

4 Circulars from the National Treasurer, Isabelle T. Bagley, giving information concerning gold Relief Corps badges, are enclosed. These circulars are sent to meet the constant inquiries that come from Corps for such information. Also circular of instructions for Corps and Department Auditing committees, issued by the National Committee, Elizabeth A. A. Turner, Sarah E. Fuller, Carrie Thomas Alexander.

5. To the numerous inquiries coming to the Department, what shall we do with our old Rituals? I will call the attention of every Corps President to Decision No. 41 of Sixteenth National Convention, which reads thus.

"That Corps Presidents be directed to destroy all rituals in possession of the Corps prior to the January edition of 1897."

6. Quarterly Report Blanks of Secretary and Treasurer are herewith enclosed, also Quarterly Relief Blanks. National General Orders No. 3 are enclosed with these General Orders.

7. Additional donations for the Andersonville Prison Fund have been received from the following Corps:

Stone River No. 84, \$1.96; Sol Meredith No. 45, \$2.00; Pau IE. Slo-



cum No. 92, \$4.30; T. J. Harrison No. 94, \$2.00; Goodland No. 126, \$1.05; Cambridge City No. 151, \$1.00; Kosciusko No. 163, \$3.00; Williams No. 119, \$1.00.

8. Donations for the Simon Miller W. R. C. No. 137, Akron, have been received from No. 112, \$1 00; No. 137, \$1.00; No. 46, \$2.00; No. 14, \$1.00; No. 186, \$1.00; No. 119, \$1.00; No. 63, \$1.00; No. 121, \$1.00; No. 44, \$1.00; No. 18, \$2.00; No. 107, \$1.00; No. 132, \$1.00; No. 188, \$1.00; No. 113, \$1.00; No. 162, \$1.00; No. 166, \$1.00; No. 11, \$1.00; No. 16, \$1.00; No. 30 \$1.00; No. 94, \$2.62.

9. Chas. W. Heath Corps No. 190, at East Enterprise, disbanded Nov. 12, 1899.

10. There are at the present time 277 Grand Army Posts with no Auxiliaries. Certainly there is work and enough for us all to do. Let not the burden rest wholly upon the shoulders of a few, but let every woman in the Department, who has at heart the interest of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as the interest of our own Order, put forth her best efforts to aid and assist in the organization of new Corps.

11. Retiring Corps Presidents will forward to the Department Secretary the names and dates of deaths of members who have died during the year 1899.

12. We bring to you the sad news of the death of Will G. Graham, son of Prof. Graham, of the S. and S. Orphans' Home, at Knightstown. The Department of Indiana, Woman's Relief Corps, extends love and sympathy to the bereaved family.

The Christmas Bells will soon be telling  
Of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men,  
And let our hearts catch up the echo  
And tell it o'er and o'er again.

13. Corps Presidents will make it their duty to see that the Relief Committee prepare well-filled baskets of provisions for our poor. Let not one home be forgotten; make glad the hearts of the old and young, and with a bountiful share of kind words and cheery smiles give them a Christmas greeting.

14. Ere another General Order is issued, the old year will have passed and the glad new year of nineteen hundred will have been ushered in.

15. Trusting that the new year may come freighted with blessings and unusual prosperity and success to the Woman's Relief Corps, the De-



partment officers wish you all a merry Christmas and a glad New Year.

By command of

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
Department Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 8. }

LOGANSPOUT, IND. Feb., 5, 1900.

1. The Department Officers desire through this first General Order issued in the new year, to extend fraternal greetings to the newly elected officers and members of our Order, with the hope that great prosperity is in store for us. Let us resolve to labor more industriously than ever for the extension and upbuilding of our Order; in helping each other, and above all, in aiding and assisting the Grand Army of the Republic.

Let us make it our special duty to look after our members who have grown weary and are resting by the wayside. Encourage them and bring them back into our ranks—we can render as good service in this way as in bringing in new members.

2. There are still a number of Corps who have not forwarded their election returns to Department Headquarters. I must insist that this be attended to at once.

3. The Corps in the Department have responded most liberally to the Christmas fund for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, also to our children at Fort Wayne.

HarroW W. R. C. No. 212, Mt. Vernon, sent a donation of seventy-six beautifully dressed dolls as their contribution to the Christmas offering. I can say the dolls were greatly enjoyed by the children and appreciated

by the committee, who with your Department President wish to return many thanks.

To the ladies of the Indianapolis Corps, who so beautifully dressed the one hundred and nine dolls purchased by the Committee, I desire to extend my grateful appreciation for their services.

To Rebecca Sulgrove, Chairman of the Visiting Committee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, do I feel especially grateful for the management of the work entrusted to her.

I feel that it will be wise to mention in connection with this subject, a word in regard to sending donations of money for the Christmas fund. Every Corps Treasurer should understand that the money is sent direct to the Department Treasurer and not to the Superintendent of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home. We have received, through the kindness of Supt. A. H. Graham, many donations sent in this way. It not only incurs extra expense, but an extra amount of trouble and inconvenience. For the benefit of my successor, and for the good of our Order, let us hope the error may be rectified another year.

4. The new rules and regulations for 1900 can now be supplied by the Department Treasurer, Belle Nash. Corps that are using the rituals of 1897, and have not the slips containing service of re-instatement of members, should supply themselves at once by sending order to the Department Treasurer.

5. The year is fast drawing to a close—let it be a reminder to each Department Aide of her duty to the Woman's Relief Corps in the earnest endeavor to add at least one new Corps to the Department.

6. At the request of our Department Patriotic Instructor, Eliza J. Crisler, I will ask the Corps Presidents to have the Patriotic Circular Letter read at next regular meeting of the Corps, and that the Patriotic Committee follow suggestions therein contained as near as possible.

Blanks, Form V, are enclosed with these General Orders, to be filled out by Chairman of the Patriotic Committee, and forwarded to the Assistant Patriotic Instructor in their District, who in turn, will forward them to Department Patriotic Instructor. For the benefit of the newly appointed Committees, a list of the Assistant Patriotic Instructors in each District is given below.

#### ASSISTANT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS.

Dist. No. 1.	Syren W. Scott	Princeton
" " 2.	Marie J. Spicely	Bloomington
" " 3.	Elmira J. Durbin	New Albany
" " 4.	Irene B. Hawley	Columbus
" " 5.	Belle W. Ephlin	Tangier

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"	"	6.	Bertha Strickler	Middletown
"	"	7.	Josephine K. Thomas	Danville
"	"	8.	Eva Ginger	Ridgeville
"	"	9.	Mary D. Travis	Crawfordsville
"	"	10.	Laura B. Warner	Fowler
"	"	11.	Minnie Brown	Wabash
"	"	12.	Nannie Ross	Greencastle
"	"	13.	Bessie Burns	South Bend

7. The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held in the city of Indianapolis, May 16th and 17th. Further information will be given in next General Order.

8. In accordance with Decision No. 32, National Convention, let the birthday of Lincoln be appropriately observed by the Woman's Relief Corps throughout the State. February 12th is the anniversary of the birth of our Nation's heroic defender. "With malice toward none, with charity to all."

February 22nd is the anniversary of the birth of our beloved Washington. Let us encourage our boys and girls in the public schools by our presence at the Memorial exercises in honor of our illustrious Washington who was "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen."

9. Donations to the Andersonvill Prison fund have been received from the following Corps:

Gen. Canby, No. 3, \$2.00; Shiloh Field, No. 5, \$2.10; Morton, No. 11, \$1.00; Auten, No. 14, \$5.00; Geo H. Thomas, No. 20, \$5.00; Logansport, No. 30, \$2.00; Archer, No. 31, \$2.00; Burnt Hickory, No. 35, \$1.00; Joseph R. Gordon, No. 43, \$0.26; Fairfax, No. 71, \$0.20; Fahler, No. 81, \$2.32; Erwin, No. 107, \$1.40; Leslie, No. 115, \$1.00; Elwood, No. 117, \$3.00; "Pap" Thomas, 113, \$5.00; Penton, No. 120, \$1.50; E. C. Newland, No. 135, \$5.00; Blinn, No. 144, \$1.00; Nevins, No. 205, \$1.00; Blankenship, No. 216, \$4.00.

10. Coal City Corps, No. 153, at Coal City, disbanded December 14, 1899.

11. The following Corps are placed on the

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 5, 52, 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 77, 78, 84, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 131, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 142, 143, 144, 146, 148, 149, 151, 154, 155, 160, 162, 163, 165, 166, 167, 168, 173, 175, 179, 180, 183,

184, 186, 187, 188, 191, 193, 194, 195, 196, 199, 200, 201, 203, 205, 206, 210, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 219, 220, 222, 224, 225, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 234.

12. I must urge Corps Presidents to the great necessity of having the quarterly reports forwarded to Headquarters in time. I will be so proud to place the name of every Corps in our Department upon the Roll of Honor the coming quarter.

13. Norman Eddy Corps, No. 1, of South Bend, donated to the Orphans' Home at Knightstown, seven beautiful pictures, all framed and ready for hanging. The donation was greatly appreciated by the Superintendent and officers, and heartily enjoyed by the children. May we not hear of other Corps following the worthy example.

To Wallace Foster, for his very generous donation of one hundred Patriotic Primers sent to the Department Patriotic Instructor for distribution, I desire to return the sincere thanks of this Department.

14. Department Treasurer, Belle Nash, has forwarded to the Simon Miller Corps at Akron, donations to the amount of \$16.62. I appreciate the liberality with which the Corps have responded this call and return thanks.

15. Through the courtesy of R. M. Smock, A. A. G., of the Indiana G. A. R., General Orders No. 6, have been received at Department Headquarters.

National General Orders No. 4 accompany these General Orders.

News has just reached us of the death of our beloved Annie Wittenmyer, one of the oldest and most prominent of our W. R. C. women. She became famous as an army nurse during the civil war; is a Past National President of the W. R. C., and at the time of her death was chairman of the Board of Directors of the National W. R. C. Home at Madison, Ohio.

By command of

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
Department Secretary.

Received ..... 1900.



Read to Corps.....1900.

Filed.....1900.

.....Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 9. }

LOGANSPORT, IND. March 20, 1900.

1. The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps Department of Indiana, will be held in Indianapolis May 16th and 17th.

2. Department Headquarters will be established at Hotel English, where all members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. and their friends will be made welcome.

3. Rates per day at Hotel English, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Denison, \$2.50 to \$3.50; Bates House, \$2.50 to \$3.50; Grand Hotel, \$2.50 to \$3.50; Spencer House, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Occidental Hotel, \$1.50 to \$2.00.

4. Through the efforts of Assistant Quarter-general R. M. Smock of the G. A. R., railroad rates have been secured at one cent per mile each way from all points in Indiana.

5. Further particulars regarding the Convention will be given in our next General Order.

6. I must urge Corps Presidents who have not up to this date sent in their quarterly reports to forward the same at once to Lizzie W. Brown, Department Secretary. If Corps Presidents could only realize what was implied by their earnest co-operation in this work, I feel sure it would result in greater efforts on their part to reduce the list of delinquent Corps. I ask you to aid me in this the closing quarter of my administration, to place the name of every Corps on the roll of honor.

7. Members expecting to attend the Convention must secure the Department password from their Corps President, otherwise they cannot procure it.

8. All Department Officers who are not expecting to attend the Convention will please return their badges to Belle Nash, Department Treasurer.

9. Past Department Presidents, Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers, Past and Present Corps Presidents and the regularly elected Delegates or their Alternates, are entitled to representation in the Convention. A cordial invitation is extended to all other members of the Order to be present.

10. The small silk flag to be used in giving W. R. C. Convention salute, can be procured from the Department Treasurer, Belle Nash, at W. R. C. Headquarters, Hotel English, also at the church the morning of Convention.

11. Corps Presidents will see to it that the contribution to the Andersonville Prison Property Fund, of one-half cent per member for the quarter ending March 31, 1900, be promptly forwarded to Department Treasurer, Belle Nash.

12. A vacancy having been made on the Executive Board by the resignation of Minnie Scott, of Sheridan, the Department President, by consent of the Department Council, has appointed Minnie Buchanan, of Logansport Corps, No. 30, fifth member of the Executive Board, and having been duly installed and entered upon the duties of office, she will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

13. I regret to report that ten Corps have failed to send in their election returns, notwithstanding the urgent letter and notifications sent them.

14. The following Corps have disbanded since last General Order, Snodgrass, No. 185, Crothersville, January 4, 1900; Oliver Short, No. 98, Rosville, March 2, 1900.

15. Major Henry Corps No. 238, of Pendleton, was instituted March 6th, by Lola Calvert, Department Instituting and Installing Officer, with thirty-one Charter Members, Rebecca J. Rogers, President.

16. Past rank badges will be furnished to those desiring them upon the receipt of 45 cents.

17. Corps Press Correspondents are requested to send items of interest to Lizzie V. Spahr, 1716 Ash St., Indianapolis, Department Press Correspondent.

18. Mrs. Harriet J. Bodge, National President of the W. R. C., will be present at our Convention.

19. The books of this Department will be closed April 30th, and no orders for supplies will be filled after that date. Corps needing supplies will send in their orders promptly; also any indebtedness from Corps to Department, either for postage or supplies must be remitted forthwith to the Department Treasurer.

20. All resolutions and appeals to be presented to the Convention, must be filed at Headquarters on or before May 1, 1900.

21. Corps Secretaries are requested to forward to Department Secretary, Lizzie W. Brown, the names of all deceased members not previously reported.

22. The new National Journals have just been received. Members desiring a copy can be supplied by sending to the Department Secretary eleven cents to cover postage.

23. The circular from National Council of Women Committee, also communication from National Patriotic Instructor, Circular letter No 1, from National Instituting and Installing Officer and quarterly reports of Corps Secretaries and Treasurers have been forwarded to the Corps.

Credential cards are enclosed with this General Order. Corps Presidents will see that these cards are properly filled out and signed, and placed in the hands of the delegates entitled to them.

24. The Convention will be held in Plymouth Church.

By command of

MARIA L. SCHLATER,

Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,

Department Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 10. }

LOGANSFORT, IND. April 23, 1900.

1. As heretofore announced in General Order No. 9, the seventeenth annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Indiana, will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., May 16th and 17th, 1900.

The convention will be held in Roberts Park Church, instead of Plymouth Church, as was announced in the last General Order.

Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church in the basement during Convention.

2. Department headquarters will be established at Hotel English,



Monday evening, April 14th, in rooms 160-161-162, where all members of the W. R. C. and G. A. R. and their friends will be made welcome.

There will be a meeting of the council in room 160, Hotel English, Tuesday evening, April 15, at 7 o'clock.

3. The convention will be called to order Wednesday morning, May 16, promptly at 9 o'clock.

4. The Credential Committee will be in session Tuesday afternoon, from 1 o'clock until 3 o'clock, also in the evening from 7 o'clock until 9 o'clock. Lizzie W. Brown, Department Secretary, Blanche Gould, Corps No. 74, Josephine K. Thomas Corps No. 112, Credential Committee.

5. Delegates must file their credential cards with this committee as soon after their arrival as possible, and receive their convention badges.

6. Past Department Presidents, Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers, Past and Present Corps Presidents, and the duly elected delegates or their alternates, are entitled to seats in this convention.

In the absence of a Corps President, the Senior or Junior Vice-President in the order of seniority is entitled to a seat.

7. A rate of one cent a mile has been secured on all railroads throughout the state. Tickets good going May 14, 15, and 16 and returning May 17, 18, and 19.

8. Hotel rates were announced in last General Order. All delegates and visitors who desire accommodations in private families, boarding houses or hotels can secure all information concerning same by addressing E. K. Criley, Chairman Hotel Committee, Hotel English, Indianapolis, Ind.

There will be no fear of delegates or visitors failing to reach their proper destination. Information booths will be located at the following places:

Two at Union Station; one at the Pennsylvania Ticket office, corner of Washington and Illinois Streets; one at the Big Four Ticket office, corner Washington and Meridian Streets; one at Hueders' Drug Store, corner Washington and Pennsylvania Streets; one at Deshler's Store, corner Pennsylvania and Market Streets; and one in the State House; besides there will be walking information committeemen to direct people to these booths if they do not possess the information wanted.

9. The Department of Indiana W. R. C., will hold a reception on Tuesday afternoon, from four o'clock until 6 o'clock, in the parlors of Hotel English, to which all members of the W. R. C., G. A. R., S. of V., and Ladies' Aid Society, and their friends, are cordially invited.

10. I regret to announce that it will be impossible for our National President, Harriet J. Bodge, to be present at our convention.



11. One of the special features of the encampment will be the grand parade on Wednesday afternoon. In the evening camp-fires will be held in Tomlinson Hall, Plymouth and Fletcher Place churches.

12. Department officers not expecting to attend the convention are requested to forward their reports as early as possible to Lizzie W. Brown, Department Secretary; also return their badges to Department Treasurer, Belle Nash.

13. Corps Presidents who have not forwarded blanks of Assistant Patriotic Instructor, are requested to do so at once, to Eliza Crisler Department Patriotic Instructor, Greensburg.

14. There will be no exemplification of the Ritual during convention.

15. Let each district bear in mind the manner in which the delegate and alternate to National Convention will be elected at this convention. They will be selected in caucus after the assembling of convention and be presented to convention for election.

16. Since the last General Order was issued, election returns have been received from a number of Corps, enabling us to report but four not returned.

17. All resolutions and appeals to be presented to the convention must be filed at Department Headquarters on or before May 1, 1900.

18. Donations of old material suitable for house cleaning purposes, chair cushions, head rests, pictures, jellies, fruit, etc., will be greatly appreciated and thankfully received by Mrs. Laura Ingersoll, Matron of the State Soldiers' Home, Lafayette.

The following corps are placed upon the

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

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20. The following corps have been instituted since last General Order:

Summers Corps, No. 237, of Converse, was instituted March 22, 1900, by Margaret Vail, of Corps No. 63, with ten charter members. Elizabeth Ruth, President.

Fred Small Corps, No. 239, of Westport, was instituted March 27, 1900, by Eliza J. Crisler, of Corps No. 113, with twelve charter members. Jennie Burroughs, President.

John C. Fremont Corps, No. 240, of Covington, was instituted April 4, 1900, by Mary D. Travis, of Corps No. 74, with 43 charter members. Lila E. York, President.

21. The following corps have been disbanded since last General Order.

John F. Grill, No. 122, Evansville.

Martin Rutter, No. 182, Pittsburg.

22. Memorial Day with its hallowed associations, its sacred memories will soon be here; the birds are proclaiming it, the sunshine is telling it, and soon the buds and blossoms will burst forth into beauty, and together with the roses and lilies, we will weave garlands and chaplets to cover the graves of our dead heroes.

How fitting that upon this occasion we gather with the comrades to assist in this grand mission of love. In honoring the memory of these brave men who sacrificed their lives for the preservation of our flag and our Union we must not forget the graves of the unknown dead, but strew flowers and mingle our tears for these as well. Let us gather the children and take them along, and teach them the meaning of the beautiful custom, let them place the flag on the grave and scatter the flowers, and in this touching, simple service, an impression will be made on their young hearts that will be lasting and for good, and a lesson in patriotism taught that will never be forgotten. Let us on Memorial Sunday assemble with the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, at their place of worship, and unite with them in the solemn service of the day.

23. Memorial Day blanks accompany this General Order. It will be the duty of the Corps Chaplains to fill out these reports and forward immediately after May 30, to the incoming Department Chaplain.

24. National General Orders Nos. 6, 7 and 8 accompany this General Order.

It is with great sorrow that we learn of the death of Sarah J. Martin, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. In obedience to the request of the National President, and to manifest our respect for our departed sister, the corps in this department will drape their charter in mourning for a period of thirty days following the receipt of this Order.

This being the last General Order I will issue, I desire to thank the officers and members of every corps in this department for their kindness

to me, and their co-operation in the work of the year, in their prompt response to all requests made, and ready compliance to the demand of duty.

By command of

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

CIRCULAR LETTER, No. 1.

"For none return from those quiet shores,  
Who cross with the boatman cold and pale."

IN MEMORIAM.

ANNIE WITTENMYER.

A great sorrow has come to the Woman's Relief Corps. Every heart has been touched with grief, and we mourn the loss of one of our oldest, most respected and dearly beloved members, Annie Wittenmyer, whose death occurred February 2, 1900, was a woman of brilliant intellect, great strength of character and an indomitable will, which made her successful in every undertaking.

Her untiring zeal in laboring for the good of our Order in upholding and furthering the grand principles to which we stand pledged. Her unselfish, self-sacrificing loyalty that led her to the field of battle, to tenderly care for and nurse the wounded and dying Soldiers. Her great patriotic heart that prompted her later to administer to the wants of the Soldier's orphans, widows and mothers, in founding Homes and Institutions for their education, care and comfort. These together with many other loving services rendered, have endeared her to the hearts of every woman of our Order

We shall miss her kindly presence at our Conventions, her pleasant greeting and her wise council; but we bow in submission to the Divine

Will of the Father who loved her and hath called her Home. To the sorrowing relatives and friends the Department of Indiana, W. R. C., extend loving sympathy.

Also to the family of our Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, George S. Merrill, we tender our sincerest sympathy in their great sorrow.

To Comrade Albert D. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and his family, we desire to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy in the loss of a beloved wife and devoted mother, and commend them to the care and tender mercies of Him "who giveth his beloved sleep."

By command of

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
Department Secretary.

OFFICE OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR }  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA }  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS }  
GREENSBURG IND. NOV. 3rd, 1899.

#### CIRCULAR LETTER .....

One of the chief objects of the Woman's Relief Corps is to "inculcate patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live."

Six years ago we took up the work of teaching Patriotism in our public schools. We began by introducing the flag salute, followed by the Patriotic Primer, Declaration of Independence Charts, and Flag Olios.

Although in some communities we have met with many discouragements, as a result of our efforts, according to Mrs. Miller's report at Terre Haute, 800 public schools hoist the flag; patriotism is taught in 1377; 6303 school-rooms are supplied with the flag; 3031 give the flag salute, and 1023 display the Independence Chart.

But we must not sit idle with folded hands, thinking our work is done; it is only fairly begun. While splendid results have been attained, we would remember it is the "constant dripping which wears away the stone," and that each year new teachers and new pupils enter our school.



Not only the Corps Patriotic Committee, but every member of our Order should as far as practicable, visit our schools, thereby demonstrating that we take a personal interest in them. If in communities where patriotism is at a low ebb, and Washington and Lincoln's birthdays are not celebrated, present the matter to the teachers, and show them the importance of such observance as properly belong to them.

Corps are urged that so far as they are able, to present the schools with the Declaration of Independence Charts and Patriotic Primer. The Primers are 20 cents each, or \$15 per hundred; the Charts are 25 cents each. These can be purchased by contributions or entertainments for the purpose.

Corps committees can add materially to the work by visiting the trustees whose schools have no flags, and urge that they be procured, also by presenting the subject to the pupils. Many schools have been provided with flags by the children asking penny donations.

The American Flag Manufacturing Co., of Easton, Pa., has printed for us a Ritual on Patriotic teaching, which has been distributed to the teachers of this department. Blanks will be furnished each President, which her committee is requested to fill out and forward to the Assistant Patriotic Instructor in her district; they in turn reporting to me before May 1st, 1900.

It is hoped every Corps will respond; last year, of 192 Corps, but 63 reported. Indiana was the leader in this great work, and now let us see to it that no other department outstrips us in loyalty and devotion to "Old Glory" and what it represents.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

ELIZA J. CRISLER,  
Department Patriotic Instructor.

APPROVED:

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
Department President.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,  
Department Secretary.

## Circular Letter.

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WESTFIELD, INDIANA, August 10, 1899.

TO INSPECTORS:

It is the desire of the Department President and the inspector to impress upon the minds of those who have so willingly promised to assist with the work of inspection the necessity of making a careful study of the work before starting out to instruct, in order that each Corps may derive all benefit possible from their visit.

Carefully compare the books of Secretary and Treasurer, and be prepared to instruct in the proper method of keeping the books. Urge the Corps to perform the Ritualistic work as nearly perfect as possible for them to do. No doubt you will find some Corps who have met with misfortune and have grown weak and discouraged. In such Corps ample time must be given to encourage them, and by so doing you will strengthen the bonds of fraternity, charity and loyalty.

According to decision of the Sixteenth Convention, held in Terre Haute, the following recommendation was adopted:

That all Corps with a membership in excess of 25 shall have the traveling expenses of the Inspector apportioned among the Corps inspected. Corps with a less number than twenty-five shall have the traveling expense of the Inspector paid by the Department. This you see is a new plan the result of which remains to be determined.

Great care has been exercised and much time expended in selecting some of the best material in Indiana for this work, and I hope that the trust that has been placed in your hands will be conscientiously and faithfully fulfilled; and be assured I will gladly render any further assistance or information desired.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

ETTA E. HOUK,  
Department Inspector.

Heartily Approved,

MARIA L. SCHLATER,  
Department President.

## Roster of Department Officers.

President—Laura S. Burr, Anderson.

Senior Vice-President—Thesta Alice Ross, No. 2007 Central Avenue, Indianapolis.

Junior Vice-President—Elmira J. Durbin, New Albany.

Secretary—Hettie M. Forkner, Anderson.

Treasurer—Ritta M. Metcalf, Anderson.

Chaplain—Isabella Neal, Albion.

Inspector—Julia E. Smith, 521 N. Scott St. South Bend.

Counselor—Eliza J. Crisler, Greensburg.

Instituting and Installing Officer, Alice A. Youkey, 113 North Sixth St. Lafayette.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Emma Druly, Middletown.

Kate Scott, Richmond.

Belle W. Ephlin, Taugier.

Laura M. Crider, Alexandria.

Josephine K. Thomas, Danville.

### DEPARTMENT PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

Belle Nash, Logansport.

### DELEGATE AT LARGE.

Clara Hess, Westville, Ind.

### ALTERNATE AT LARGE.

Lou M. Cox, Sheridan, Ind.

## DELEGATES.

1. Elizabeth McMahan, Huntington.
2. Mary C. Breen, Vincennes.
3. Mary Mennet, Columbus.
4. Carrie P. James, Brazil.
5. Alice Bainbridge, Rushville.
6. Emma McCord, Veedersburg.
7. Clara Briggs, Goodland.
8. Laura Kalter, Kokomo.
9. Sue W. Hart, Elkhart.

## ALTERNATES.

1. Mattie Eberwine, Evansville.
2. Kate Callahan, Bedford.
3. Hattie Dugal, Rising Sun.
4. Mary J. Miller, Terre Haute.
5. Emily King, Centerville.
9. Lizzie Horton, Hortonville.
7. Lizzie Matchett, Fowler.
8. Laura Lower, North Manchester.
9. Lina Hess, Garrett.

VISITING COMMITTEE TO THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS'  
ORPHANS' HOME.

Lydia E. Cook, Huntsville.  
Emma T. Nelson, Muncie.  
Augusta W. Paver, Indianapolis.

## COMMITTEE ON TESTIMONIALS TO PAST PRESIDENT.

Agnes Hitt, Indianapolis.  
Etta E. Houk, Scottsburg.  
Melissa Caylor, Noblesville.

## AIDES.

Chief of Staff, Flora Smith, Bremen.

Sarah C. Mendenhall, Cicero.	Hattie Farley, Indianapolis.
Sarah Adair, Elwood.	Emma Hall, Winchester.
Josie Burriss, Montpelier.	Christiana Williams, Fort Wayne.
Guley Burgess, Terre Haute.	Lizzie A. Jenkins, Logansport.
Margaret Vail, Marion.	Fannie Hubbard, Aurora.
Kate Callahan, Bedford.	Alice Lanpher, Lebanon.
Martha Telle, Salem.	Syren W. Scott, Princeton.
Minerva Manly, Geneva.	Eleanor Hinkley, Lagrange.
Vina E. Levy, Hammond.	Euretta, Polson, Frankfort.
Alice Hayes, Pierceton.	Addie Shewman, Columbus.
Laura McCracken, Martinsville.	Temple B. Smith, Petersburg.
Emma McCord, Veedersburg.	Lulu Edgman, Jeffersonville.
Sarah White, Rockville.	Mary C. Breen, Vincennes.
Sarah E. Holmes, Huntington.	Mahala Beem, Spencer.
Emma Schreeder, Evansville.	Emma Studebaker, Bluffton.
Marilla V. Bradbury, Indianapolis.	



DISTRICT PRESIDENTS.

- No. 1. Alice McGrew, Evansville.
- No. 2. Lottie Butler, Bedford.
- No. 3. Lola Calvert, Scottsburg.
- No. 4. Irene B. Hawley, Columbus.
- No. 5. Minerva Nolan, Clinton.
- No. 6. Cora Dobbins, Shelbyville.
- No. 7. President to be elected.
- No. 8. President to be elected.
- No. 9. Louisa Young, Frankfort.
- No. 10. Mary Marquess, Lafayette.
- No. 11. Harriet Kidd, Wabash.
- No. 12. Claar McNear, Columbia City.
- No. 13. Jane Ryan, Walkerton.

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Ella Nye, Liberty.

ASSISTANT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

- District 1, Sarah Goodge, Corps No. 18, Evansville.
- District 2, Mahala Beem, Corps No. 106, Spencer.
- District 3, Mattie S. Hobbs, Corps No. 160, Salem.
- District 4, Anna Strasinger, Corps 113, Greensburg.
- District 5, Sarah C. White, Corps 184, Rockville.
- District 6, Bessie Langston, Corps 25, Connersville.
- District 8, Lydia E. Cook, Corps 70, Anderson.
- District 9, Agnes Smith, Corps 84, Frankfort.
- District 10, Ella White, Corps 191, Lafayette.
- District 11, Grace Oswald, Corps 88, Roann.
- District 12, Amanda Edsall, Corps, 7, Ft. Wayne.
- District 13, Arvilla McCombs, Corps 14, South Bend.

## ROSTER DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA.

NO	NAME OF CORPS.	LOCATION.		PRESIDENT.
		CITY.	COUNTY.	
1	Norman Eddy	South Bend	St. Joseph	Gertrude Mathews
2	DeLong	Auburn	DeKalb	Anna Silvers
3	Gen. Canby	Brazil	Clay	Sallie Louderback
4	F. D. Mathews	Ellettsville	Monroe	Harriet Paugh
5	Shiloh Field	Elkhart	Elkhart	Sue W. Hart
6	A. O. Bachman	Madison	Jefferson	Mary J. Dunn
7	Sion S. Bass	Ft. Wayne	Allen	Christiana Williams
8	James H. Emmet	Wabash	Wabash	Anna Edwards
9	Sanderson	New Albany	Floyd	Sallie Schray
10	George H. Chapman	Indianapolis	Marion	Della Grsham
11	Morton	Terre Haute	Vigo	Sarah A. Spencer
12	John Craig	Jeffersonville	Clark	Nannie Bowman
13	Sedgwick	Union City	Randolph	Belle Stump
14	Auten	South Bend	St. Joseph	Martha M. Smith
15	Elmer	Elkhart	Elkhart	Susan Able
16	Patton	La Porte	Laporte	Nancy Beahm
17	Farragut	Evansville	Veederburg	Catherine Messick
18	Gen. John A. Logan	North Manchester	Wabash	Laura Lower
20	Geo. H. Thomas	Indianapolis	Marion	Ella Billings
21	Altoona	Waterman	Parke	Minnie Thorn
22	Lookout Valley	Thorntown	Boone	Mary Templeton
23	Greencastle	Greencastle	Putnam	Lillie M. Ashton
24	Chaplin Brown	Valparaiso	Porter	Sarah J. Louderback
25	Connorsville	Connorsville	Fayette	Rhoda Hannah
26	Cicero	Cicero	Hamilton	Emma Fisher
27	Waterloo	Waterloo	DeKalb	Julia Butler
28	McPheeters	Fredericksburg	Washington	Martha Spiglar
29	J. H. Dansuer	La Grange	La Grange	Eleanor Hinkley
30	Logansport	Logansport	Cass	Lizzie A. Jenks
31	Archer	Princeton	Gibson	Anna Stilwell
32	Howell	Goshen	Elkhart	Dell Rhodes
33	E. T. Wood	Ridgeville	Randolph	Jane Blackaby
34	W. B. Rayburn	Peru	Miami	Catharine Marlow
35	Burnt Hickory	Fisher's Station	Hamilton	Leoma Beaver
36	Hardzog	Bremen	Marshall	Flora Smith
37	B. J. Crosswaite	Angola	Steuben	Libbie Richardson
38	Frederick Penny	Jeffersonville	Clark	Fannie Booker
39	Rensselaer	Rensselaer	Jasper	Viola Thornton
40	John F. Ruckle	Indianapolis	Marion	Eliza Herman
41	Sam Henry	Decatur	Adams	Sarah Wertzberger
42	James R. Slack	Huntington	Huntington	Sarah Holm
43	Joseph R. Gordon	Indianapolis	Marion	Anna Harvey
44	Maj. Robert Anderson	Indianapolis	Marion	Marguerite Clarke
45	Sol Meredith	Richmond	Wayne	Mary Swain
46	Nelson Trusler	Winchester	Randolph	Luzena Coble
47	Capt. Wm. Lewis	Wheeling	Delaware	Minnie Lewellyn
48	Deacon	New Carlisle	St. Joseph	Martha Gregg
51	Dumont	Shelbyville	Shelby	Martha Limpus
52	Chas. Case	Garrett	De Kalb	Gladys Hess
54	William Smith	Sheridan	Hamilton	Ellen Scott
57	H. C. Coulter	Russville	Howard	Jennie Sherwin
58	Judson Kilpatrick	Fremont	Steuben	Rhoda Painter
59	Geo. W. Stough	Columbia City	Whiteley	Clemenza McDonald
60	Duvall	Liberty	Union	Caroline Kitchel
61	W. S. Hancock	Veederburg	Fountain	Emma McCord
62	J.B. Mason	Knightstown	Henry	Mattie Shea
63	Gen. Shunk	Marion	Grant	Margaret Vail
64	Samuel H. Dunbar	Greenfield	Hancock	Fannie Carr
67	John Ruess	Upland	Grant	Minnie Moore
68	Joel Wolfe	Rushville	Rush	Malinda Young
69	Lieut. Yakey	Linton	Green	Mary Buck
70	Major May	Andersonville	Madison	Emma Denius

## WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

OFFICERS OF CORPS.		TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	
SECRETARY	TREASURER		
Bessie Burns.	Anna Wright.	Tuesday Nights.	Norman Eddy Hall
Mary Gordon.	Clara Zimmerman.	1st and 3d Tuesday.	G. A. R. Hall
Annie Criss.	Carrie James.	1st and 3d Thursday.	K. of P. Hall
Lee Haris.	Adda Matson.	Friday nights.	G. A. R. Hall
Emma Troxel.	Mary Titus.	1st, 3d and 4th Saturdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Flora B. Spotts.	Sarah C. Smythe.	2nd and 4th Thursdays.	Red Men's Hall
Annie Gay.	Amanda Edsall.	2nd and 4th Fridays.	W. R. C. Hall
Adaline Frampton.	Adelia Henly.	Alternate Tuesdays.	Memorial Hall
Elmira J. Durban.	Fannie Jacobi.	Every Friday afternoon.	G. A. R. Hall
Lydia Swift.	Maria E. Wheat.	Tuesday, 2 P. M.	Shover's Hall
Minnie Haley.	Mattie J. Burgett.	1st and 3rd Friday nights.	G. A. R. Hall
Mollie Dorsey.	Lulie Edgman.	Tuesdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Mary Anderson.	Hattie Hilderhoff.	Tuesday nights.	G. A. R. Hall
Margaret Peffly.	Hannah B. Wilcoxon.	Tuesday nights.	G. A. R. Hall
Ida Loudenslager.	Gertrude Enos.	Every Monday night.	G. A. R. Hall
Nettie Angell.	Augusta Hart.	1st and 3rd Monday nights.	G. A. R. Hall
Mattie E. Grill.	Mary M. Bippus.	1st and 3d Thursdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Louie Hatfield.	Nettie Bonner.	Friday nights.	Shover's Hall
Addie C. Engle.	Rebecca Sulgrove.	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Mary S. Wann.	Bessie E. Verter.	2nd and 4th Saturdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Daisy Riley.	Emma Bratton.	2nd and 4th Tues. afternoons.	G. A. R. Hall
Anna Moore.	Louisa M. Jacobs.	2d and 4th Mondays.	G. A. R. Hall
Loa Welty.	Lottie S. Drapier.	1st and 3d Fridays.	G. A. R. Hall
Ann Sanders.	Elizabeth Jackson.	2d and 4th Fridays.	G. A. R. Hall
Sarah C. Mendenhall.	Mary Dewey.	Alternate Tuesdays.	Maccabee Hall
Cora Bartholomew.	Mattie E. Beidler.	1st and 3rd Saturdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Anna Gresham.	Ella Mitten.	1st and 3rd Fridays.	G. A. R. Hall
Lizzie Cather.	Mary Hissong.	Every Friday night.	G. A. R. Hall
Etta Swadener.	Lizzie L. Barron.	2d and 4th Tuesdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Julia Duncan.	Clara Braselton.	2d and 4th Thursdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Rosa A. Isbell.	Anna E. Kidder.	Friday nights.	G. A. R. Hall
Mary Turner.	Ora Jilbert.	Alternate Saturdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Laura Squires.	Ella Rowe.	1st and 3d Wednesday.	G. A. R. Hall
Mary Kemp.	Victoria Casteter.	1st and 3d Wednesday.	G. A. R. Hall
Della Ringle.	Ella Marquet.	2d and 4th Wednesday.	G. A. R. Hall
Mary Dutter.	Tina M. Gates.	Alternate Tuesdays.	Memorial Hall
Katie Cole.	Belle Cole.	2d and 4th Thursday.	G. A. R. Hall
Bell Blue.	Myrtle Clark.	Monday nights.	G. A. R. Hall
Mary Ray.	Sarah Osborne.	2nd and 4th Thurs.	Bellefontaine Hall
Mollie Gilson.	Rebecca Phipps.	1st and 3d Fridays.	G. A. R. Hall
Thirza J. Hatfield.	Eliza Ricker.	2d and 4th Tuesdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Hattie Farley.	Kate Goth.	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.	I. O. O. F. Hall
Mattilda Booz.	Hattie L. Clark.	1st and 3d Monday, P. M.	Shover's Hall
Kate Scott.	Nancy Hazelton.	Thursdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Emma Hall.	Margaret Klinck.	Saturday nights.	G. A. R. Hall
Esther Reasoner.	Mary A. Braddock.	Alternate Thursdays.	Maccabee Hall
Mary Wycoff.	Margaret Deacon.	2d and 4th Saturdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Cora B. Dobbins.	Margaret E. Edwards.	1st and 3rd Friday.	G. A. R. Hall
Helen Whitford.	Mary E. Bogear.	Monday nights.	G. A. R. Hall
Minnie Scott.	Elizabeth Fifer.	1st and 2d Saturdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Frances Haun.	Sarah C. Merrick.	Alternate Saturdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Amanda Gleason.	Amanda Ryan.	1st and 3d Saturdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Clara McNear.	Mary Grisier.	Alternate Tuesday Nights.	G. A. R. Hall
Ella Nye.	Lou Evans.	2d and 4th Saturdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Mary Hartman.	Josie Boden.	2d and 4th Saturdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Gertrude L. Shea.	Nina L. Steiner.	2d and 4th Friday nights.	G. A. R. Hall
Lizzie Swisher.	Katherine Wallace.	2d and 4th Fridays.	G. A. R. Hall
Sallie Ferrin.	Nola Mathews.	1st and 3d Tuesdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Etta Hamilton.	Mary Bugher.	Tuesdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Lizzie English.	Allie Aldridge.	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Eliza Boord.	Lola Rose.	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.	G. A. R. Hall
Minnie McKeown.	Lizzie Newby.	2d and 4th Tuesdays.	G. A. R. Hall



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NO	NAME OF CORPS.	LOCATION.		PRESIDENT.
		CITY.	COUNTY.	
71	Fairfax	Westfield	Hamilton	Nena S. Cook
72	Lookout	Noblesville	Hamilton	Kate E. Russell
74	McPherson	Crawfordsville	Montgomery	Blanche Gould
77	Stephen Bailey	Portland	Jay	Rose Wilson
78	James Price	Tipton	Tipton	Ada Edmonds
81	Fahler	Star City	Pulaski	Elizabeth Ambler
83	John Wheeler	Crown Point	Lake	Caroline Van Loon
84	Stone River	Frankfort	Clinton	Euretta Polson
87	Lew Dailey	Bluffton	Wells	Emma Stauebaker
88	Roann	Roann	Wabash	Effie Wertenberger
89	Ben North	Rising Sun	Ohio	Harriett E. Hannberg
90	Winchester	Gosport	Owen	Sarah W. Criss
91	Meade	Butler	DeKalb	Maggie Dills
92	Paul E. Slocum	Bloomington	Monroe	Mary Smith
93	John A. Platter	Aurora	Dearborn	Fannie Hubbart
94	T. J. Harrison	Kokomo	Howard	Emma Ricketts
95	Franklin	Hortonville	Hamilton	Rebecca Shy
96	George W. Leonard	New Castle	Henry	Anna Gough
97	Boothroyd	Delphi	Carroll	Margaret Haugh
100	William A. Boyd	Dublin	Wayne	Sarat Haddleston
102	James C. Veatch	Rockport	Spencer	Gertrude Schoenfield
103	Shively	Huntingburg	Dubois	Rose E. Stratman
104	Hiram G. Fisher	Lapel	Madison	Celesta Huffman
105	Stillwell	Colfax	Clinton	Rebecca Yale
106	Gettysburg	Spencer	Owen	Lucy Patrick
107	Erwin	Danier	Parke	Belle W. Ephlin
108	Put Evans	Sharpsville	Tipton	Lottie Eatchelor
110	McClung	Rochester	Fulton	Anna Sinks
111	Leaman Griffith	Hamilton	Steuben	Etty Griffith
112	Jesse S. Ogden	Danville	Hendricks	Sarah E. Barker
113	"Pap" Thomas	Greensburg	Decatur	Eliza J. Crisler
114	George Miller	Windfall	Tipton	Lucinda Miller
115	Leslie	Seeleyville	Vigo	Osie Carter
116	Frank Jones	Treton	Randolph	Ida Gordon
117	Elwood	Elwood	Madison	Isabel Fees
118	Martin R. Delaney	Indianapolis	Marion	Marilla V. Bradley
119	Williams	Muncie	Deleware	Susan Thornburg
120	Benton	Fowler	Benton	Carrie A. Clark
121	Joe Cook	Lynn	Randolph	Alice Hodgson
122	John F. Grill	Evansville	Vanderburg	Georgia Coffee
124	Jacob Stahl	Hartford City	Blackford	Amelia Weller
125	Rich Mountain	Lebanon	Boone	Maggie Orr
126	Goodland	Goodland	Newton	Agnes J. Perry
127	Geo. Wright	Clarks Hill	Tippecanoe	Sarah Northrup
128	Beeson	Fairmount	Grant	Nellie C. Buck
129	Carroll	Stockwell	Tippecanoe	Lizzie Hammel
130	Martin	Westville	La Porte	Mima Hilton
131	Geo. W. Rader	Middletown	Henry	Emma Druly
132	Hugh H. Willets	Greentown	Howard	Samantha Osborn
133	John P. Baird	Terre Haute	Vigo	Gillia Burgess
134	Bowman	Hagerstown	Wayne	Josie Davis
135	E. C. Newland	Bedford	Lawrence	Kate Callahan
136	Col. Robt. Heath	Hammond	Lake	Vina E. Levy
137	Moses Herron	Farmland	Randolph	Ella McGuire
138	Johnson	Mohtpelier	Blackford	Maud Howard
140	John Murray	Piercetown	Kosciusko	Alice Hayes
142	Marsh B. Taylor	Lafayette	Tippecanoe	Mattie Eoyer
143	Magnolia	Jonesboro	Grant	Mary Kies
144	Blinn	Petersetown	Vigo	Eliza Reynolds
146	Morgan	Petersburg	Pike	Temple B. Smith
148	A. B. Wade	Chesterton	Porter	Emma L. Taylor
149	Worden	Albion	Noble	Eliza A. Trump



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OFFICERS OF CORPS.		TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.	
SECRETARY	TREASURER		
Eva M. Perry	Mary H. Howe	2d and 4th Saturdays	K. of P. Hall
Cornelia Fauchert	Hattie Gumberts	1st and 3d Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Hettie A. Talbott	Minnie McClamrack	1st Saturday of each mo.	P. O. S. of A. Hall
Iza M. Lamaux	Ellen McGriff	1st and 3d Wednesday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Rose Maxwell	Tabitha Lynch	Alternate Friday afternoons	G. A. R. Hall
Ada Stewart	Mary Blue	Alternate Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Mary E. Swartz	Emma Vincent	1st and 3d Wednesday	Weiss Hall
Lizzie Lee	Leora Morrison	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	G. A. R. Hall
Elizabeth Bender	Lizzie Wasson	2d and 4th Tuesdays	G. A. R. Hall
Grace Oswald	Mary Peters	Monday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Kate Campbell	Belle Lemon	1st and 3d Tuesdays	G. A. R. Hall
Lou Thompson	Hattie Chrisman	2nd and 4th Saturdays	Red Men's Hall
Angie Plum	Irene Brown	2d and 4th Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Bell Allen	Angie Wooley	1st and 3d Monday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Anna Trulock	Bessie Dugle	2d and 4th Thursdays	G. A. R. Hall
Mary D. Michener	Laura J. Kalter	2nd and 4th Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Lou Horton	Rose Baldwin	Alternate Saturdays	Franklin Hall
Julia E. Westor	Gertrude Johnston	1st and 3rd Fridays	G. A. R. Hall
Delphine Crockett	Lucie Montman	2nd and 4th Thursdays	G. A. R. Hall
Sarah Demree	Verlinda La Fever	1st and 3d Tuesdays	G. A. R. Hall
Mattie J. Enlow	Bettie Spayd	2nd and 4th Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Lizzie McMahou	Kate Southard	1st and 3d Thursdays	G. A. R. Hall
Lou Ryan	Eliza Klepfer	2d and 4th Saturdays	Red Men's Hall
Hattie Benefiel	Lizzie Coyner	1st and 3d Tuesdays	G. A. R. Hall
Mahala Beem	Nancy Everly	2d and 4th Mondays	Red Men's Hall
Lizzie W. Grimes	Emma S. Drummond	2nd Saturday and 4th Thurs.	G. A. R. Hall
Julia A. Harper	Nancy Freeman	1st and 3d Saturday	G. A. R. Hall
Mary Fogle	Melissa Parker	2d and 4th Monday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Pheobe Thomas	Ella Farnum	Alternate Sat. afternoons	G. A. R. Hall
Josephine K. Thomas	Sarah J. Hill	1st and 3d Fridays	G. A. R. Hall
Emma Straisinger	Ella McKay	1st and 3d Thurs. nights	G. A. R. Hall
Josie Chamberlain	Jane Vice	Alternate Monday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Leah Carmichael	Jane Kearschner	1st and 3d Fridays	G. A. R. Hall
Jennie Ford	Celia Gaines	1st and 3d Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Della Stockton	Sarah Adair	1st and 2nd Fridays	G. A. R. Hall
Maggie Fletcher	Ella Walden	2nd and 4th Thurs.	334 Indiana Ave.
Jennie McLaughlin	Agnes McGrath	1st and 3d Friday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Lizzie Matchett	Carrie Westman	Alternate Friday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Jennie Witter	Sadie Nye	Tuesday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Maria Cheatham	Mary Wright	2d Thursday	G. A. R. Hall
Mae Moffett	Caroline V. Gable	Alternate Tuesdays	Maccabee Hall
Alice Lanpher	Malinda Campbell	2nd and 4th Saturday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Mary Jenkins	Caroline E. Black	2nd and 4th Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Mattie Yeaman	Sallie Pierce	1st and 3d Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Nancy J. Love	Mattie B. Friend	1st and 3d Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Florida C. Murphy	Nannie Hoover	2d and 4th Mondays	K. of P. Hall
Lucy S. Clark	Clara M. Hess	1st and 3d Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Olive Mills	Lutie Burnur	2d and 4th Monday	G. A. R. Hall
Jennie Ayers	Flora Perkins	2d and 4th Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Bertha Harold	Angie Mahan	1st and 3d Tuesdays	Savings Bank Hall
Leora Teeter	Laura A. Hines	1st and 3d Thursdays	G. A. R. Hall
Effie Love	Mary Emery	2nd and 4th Friday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Flora Mashino	Lydia Miller	Alternate Saturday nights	K. of P. Hall
Merle Bashia	Angie McNeece	Wed. nights	Bank Hall
Mary McMahon	Fattie Arnold	1st and 3d Monday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Ida Andreas	Margaret Eddy	Alternate Monday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Mayme Boyer	Mary C. Cassel	1st and 3d Friday	Labor Temple
Lydia Cline	C. Rothinghouse	1st and 3d Thursdays	G. A. R. Hall
Effie Infange	Lara Ball	2nd and 4th Fridays	G. A. R. Hall
Ada Hill	Jshala Akridge	Thursday nights	G. A. R. Hall
Frances Eliason	Jillie E. Campbell	1st and 3d Saturdays	G. A. R. Hall
Dele Taylor	Amanda E. Worden	2d and 4th Fridays	G. A. R. Hall

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NO.	NAME OF CORPS.	LOCATION.		PRESIDENT.
		CITY.	COUNTY.	
150	Samuel Stewart	Flora	Carroll	Lina A. Trent
151	Cambridge City	Cambridge City	Wayne	Ollie Rummell
154	Stansbury	Ligonier	Noble	Melissa Denny
155	Frank Neff	Sullivan	Sullivan	Florence Higbee
159	A. L. Sayford	Daleville	Delaware	Maggie Painter
160	Samuel Reed	Salem	Washington	Mattie S. Hobbs
161	Houghton	Mishawaka	St. Joseph	Anna E. Gay
162	Henry Chipman	Warsaw	Kosciusko	Lillian Loveday
163	Kosciusko	Warsaw	Kosciusko	Agnes Eschbach
165	Jesse Coppock	Walkerton	St. Joseph	Jane Ryan
166	Geo. V. Rawson	Michigan City	La Porte	Clara E. Root
167	Wm. Landon	Knox	Starke	Bertha Beeman
168	Phil M. Sheridan	Indianapolis	Marion	Martha Carbaugh
173	Wm. Cuppy	South Whitley	Whiteley	Alice Cook
175	J. J. Barge	Prairie Creek	Vigo	Maggie Trueblood
177	Reed	Fulton	Fulton	Effie Spencer
179	Alexander Trimble	Redkey	Jay	Laura Grisler
180	Capt. Floyd	Annapolis	Parke	Jennie Maris
182	Martin Ratter	Pittsburg	Carroll	Jemima Hazlegrow
183	Ellsworth	Seymour	Jackson	Sarah Woodmansee
184	Steele	Rockville	Parke	Josephine B. Pickard
187	Berlin	Nappanee	Elkhart	Hattie Sweezy
187	Simon Miller	Akron	Fulton	Matilda Parry
188	M. D. Manson	Shoals	Martin	Drusilla Barthell
191	John A. Logan	Lafayette	Tippecanoe	Jemima V. Brown
192	Garfield	Boswell	Benton	Mary Wern
193	Joseph Bowen	North Liberty	St. Joseph	Rosanna Culler
194	Frank Beitzell	Centerville	Wayne	Emma Beitzell
195	George Ridlen	Scottsburg	Scott	Lolo Calvert
196	Alvin P. Hovey	W. Indianapolis	Marion	Heleen Thompson
198	C. C. Wheeler	Versailles	Ripley	Mary Laswell
199	Isham Keith	Columbus	Bartholomew	Addie Shewman
200	Lew Taylor	Alexander	Madison	Kate Gillette
201	Hambricht	Arcadia	Hamilton	Elvira Barber
203	Jacob L. Hoops	Mackinlet	Vigo	Nannie E. Smith
205	Nevins	Fontanet	Vigo	Lula Harpold
206	John A. Hollett	Brownsburg	Hendricks	Mary Gray
209	Jesse Adams	New Haven	Allen	Lavona Wolfe
210	S. C. Aldrich	Hudson	Steuben	Rhoda Strawser
211	Tom Green	Ashley	Steuben	Amaret Hunt
212	Harrow	Mt. Vernon	Posey	Mary Brinkman
213	Nelson	Kendallville	Noble	Mary R. Miller
214	Morrocco	Morrocco	Newton	Nancy Bebout
215	Robt. Huff	Lawrenceburg	Dearborn	Dora O'Toole
216	Blankenship	Martinsville	Morgan	Laura McCracken
219	John P. Porter	Geneva	Vladis	Flora Premier
220	Remington	Remington	Jasper	Francis Luckey
221	Shiloh	Newport	Vermillion	Mary Hasty
222	P. R. Owens	Clinton	Vermillion	Louisa Johnson
223	Joseph Landis	Grantsburg	Crawford	Cora A. Benham
224	Custer	Wakarusa	Elkhart	Etta Culp
225	Wm. McGinnis	Roanoke	Huntington	Addie Koontz
226	James Clem	Bar Oak	Marshall	Orville Brinkman
227	Charles Porter	Hope	Bartholomew	Louisa Rominger
228	James Gaver	St. Paul	Decatur	Mary E. Burr
229	Jeff C. Davis	Vincennes	Knox	Mary C. Brean
230	Gaskins	Vincennesburg	Sullivan	Mary E. St. John
231	Thomas Ashley	Pittsboro	Hendricks	Forest D. Sawyer
232	Lookout Mountain	Gaston	Delaware	Mollie Hoffman
233	Spicely	Orleans	Orange	Mahalia Hardman
234	Silver	New Lebanon	Sullivan	Martha E. Canary
235	Lincoln	Terre Haute	Vigo	Mary E. Brown
236	Simonsen	Churubusco	Whitley	Rose Grisamer
237	Summers	Converse	Miami	Elizabeth Ruth
238	Major Henry	Pendleton	Madison	Rebecca Rogers
239	Fred Small	Westport	Decatur	Jennie Burroughs



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SECRETARY	TREASURER	
Charity E. Wooley	Annie E. Clark	1st and 3d Saturdays. K. of P. Hall
Rose Ohmit	Catherine Storch	2d and 4th Tuesdays. Red Mens Hall
Kate M. King	Lizzie Keehn	2d and 4th Fridays. G. A. R. Hall
Sue L. Coulson	Jennie Terwiliger	1st and 3d Monday nights. Armory Hall
Ella Shoemaker	Josie Rinker	2d and 4th Tues. afternoons. G. A. R. Hall
Clara Ramsey	Flora Perkey	1st and 3d Mondays. G. A. R. Hall
Sarah L. Cook	Laura E. Clark	Every other week. G. A. R. Hall
Myrtle Clark	Jean Ward	1st and 3d Wednesdays. G. A. R. Hall
Ida M. Chandler	Lydia McComb	1st and 3d Wed. G. A. R. Hall
Emma Restorick	Lulu Wolfe	Tuesday nights. G. A. R. Hall
Flora Winegard	Elizabeth Peatty	2d and 4th Fridays. Maccabee Hall
Alice Denton	Emma Booth	2d and 4th Saturdays. G. A. R. Hall
Sarah E. Hoffbauer	Lucinda Elliott	1st and 3d Fridays. Shover's Hall
Anna Hennemyer	Maggie Williams	1st and 3d Saturdays. G. A. R. Hall
Bertha Starkey	Amanda Hunt	1st and 3d Saturdays. G. A. R. Hall
Ella Edington	Rosanna Oakley	1st and 3d Sat. afternoon. G. A. R. Hall
Della Jenkins	Ella Pyle	Tues. nights. W. R. C. Hall
Edith Shipman	Adaline Snyder	2nd and 4th Saturday. G. A. R. Hall
Eliza V. Angell	Eliza J. Forster	1st and 3rd Sat. afternoons. G. A. R. Hall
Mary Wilson	Mary England	2d and 4th Thursdays. G. A. R. Hall
Julia B. Meacham	Mary H. Leatherman	1st Thursday and 3d Friday. G. A. R. Hall
May Todd	Mary E. Uline	1st and 3d Monday. G. A. R. Hall
Cora Thum	Mary Weaver	Tuesday nights. G. A. R. Hall
Lota Eastman	Emma Passell	3d Wednesday. I. O. O. F. Hall
Ethel M. Grannon	Mary J. Pechin	1st and 4th Tuesdays. G. A. R. Hall
Mary E. Martin	Lucy J. Myers	2d and 4th Thursdays. G. A. R. Hall
Ida Woodard	Mary Kirby	Alternate Wednesday nights. G. A. R. Hall
Maria Chittenden	Laura Woods	Tuesday afternoons. G. A. R. Hall
Mary M. Norris	Phoebe J. Harrod	1st and 3rd Fri. afternoons. G. A. R. Hall
Nellie Deakin	Alice M. Craig	Thursdays. G. A. R. Hall
Tena Thompson	Tillie Johnson	1st and 3d Saturdays. G. A. R. Hall
Sina Poffenberger	Eliza Polen	1st and 3d Friday. G. A. R. Hall
Helen Keller	Laura M. Crider	2d and 4th Thursdays. Red Men's Hall
Charlotte Jacobs	Mollie Winders	1st and 3d Tuesdays. K. of P. Hall
Etta Hunt	Frances Mopps	1st and 3d Thursdays. McIlroy Hall
Emerson Taylor	Rosa Mulvahill	1st Thursday. K. of P. Hall
Claude Turpin	Olive Miller	2d and 4th Saturdays. K. of P. Hall
Mima Gorrell	Sarah Gorrell	2d and 4th Saturdays. G. A. R. Hall
Jennie Hamilton	Emma Wagoner	Wednesdays. G. A. R. Hall
Emma Hoover	Alice McNutt	2d and 3d Tuesdays. G. A. R. Hall
Alice M. Woody	Ricy Cartright	Wed. nights. A. O. U. W. Hall
Maude Browand	Ellen Ayres	2nd and 4th Thurs. G. A. R. Hall
Anna Graves	Mary Hosier	Alternate Friday. Woodman's Hall
Anastasia V. Crum	Marie L. Koehler	2nd and 4th Friday nights. W. R. C. Hall
Alice Finney	Elsie Baker	Alternate Tuesdays. G. A. R. Hall
Mary Haviland	Minerva Manly	Friday nights. G. A. R. Hall
Sarah Green	Mary Griffin	1st and 3d Saturdays. G. A. R. Hall
Ada Wright	Ethel McConnell	2nd and 4th Fridays. G. A. R. Hall
Cora Dalton	Laura Reid	1st and 3d Thurs. nights. G. A. R. Hall
Mary Froman	Emma Scott	1st and 3d Saturdays. G. A. R. Hall
Nora Clay	Laura Mishler	Monday nights. G. A. R. Hall
Ellen Wasmuth	Lavina Moore	1st and 3d Saturday nights. Masonic Tem.
Emma Behmer	Millie Garver	2d and 4th Fri. afternoon. G. A. R. Hall
Anna Barnes	Charlotte Foller	1st and 3d Wednesday. G. A. R. Hall
Cora Hess	Ida M. Favor	2d and 4th Thurs. G. A. R. Hall
Annetta R. Berry	Anna D. Mills	1st and 3d Friday. K. of K. Hall
Bertha Jennings	Rosa Allen	1st and 3d Saturday. G. A. R. Hall
Ora Souder	Etta Palmer	1st Thursday. G. A. R. Hall
Amanda Sharp	Lillie Casterison	Alternate Saturdays. G. A. R. Hall
Nell F. Sears	Mary F. Sears	1st and 3d Saturdays. G. A. R. Hall
Emma Reed	Tude Allen	2d and 4th Tuesdays. G. A. R. Hall
Sarah A. Cabell	Martitia Browning	2d and 4th Thursdays. I. O. O. F. Hall
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